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WOMEN AS ORATORS.

It Is Chiefly Their Lack of Voice That

Handicups Their Success. is not everybody who has yet grown ap to the idea that the female orator is an essential part of the social fabric, and yet we have her suddenly with us and aking the prizes away from the sex that has hitherto enjoyed a practical monop oly of the oratorical arts and graces. It not worth while to question the propriety of woman's appearance on the latform. As a matter of fact she apared there some time ago, but as a mker, hardly as an orator in the oper sense. It has been several years since the sight of a woman as a public speaker created even a ripple of tion. She has been presiding over addressing temperance meetings nd club gatherings, she has lectured to public assemblies, she has made political imp speeches, she has even preached -all without arousing excitement or serious opposition.

The fact is, women have "arrived" and the people who are slow to adjust themselves to the situation are at a disadvantage. It matters not whether pubaking is in their "sphere," women are making public speeches when occa-tion seems to call for them. Convensualities and traditions, authorities and prejudices are all knocked in the head, to be sure. Even St. Paul is discredited, but the women go serenely on -and it must be acknowledged that no serious calamity has yet resulted. If want to talk out in meeting they will talk, and it profits no man to say them nay. On the contrary, there are several reasons why they should be encouraged to excel.

If woman will address her fellow citizens from the stage or the stump it is better that she should do it acceptably. Even the most ardent friends of advanced woman, those who have kept her in sight in her rapid progress toward nancipation," are obliged to confess to a frequent wish that she wouldn't when she essays to electrify the multitude. She may be carnest and eloquent. she may be witty and wise, but as a rule she cannot speak. Her voice gets away from her, she is alternately shrill and husky; she shricks when she would emphatic; she whispers hoarsely en she would persuade. Sensitive and sympathetic members of the audince incline to crawl under the benches. She has, in short, a voice that was trained by ancestry and early environments to domestic uses, and has not grown to the requirements of a hall.

Henceforth this will be different. Colleveling sentiments were received by the leges recognize this lack and are preyoung ladies with that femining scorn I to remedy it. If any femal lents show oratorical talent or are amhitious to become spellbinders, opportunity shall be afforded them. The woman of the future, and of the near future, who speaks in public on the stage may, if she likes, be the Daniel Webster, the Henry Ward Beecher or the Chauncey M. Depew of her sex. Whether the young woman who so proudly bere the oratorical pennon from the male contestants of other Indiana colleges recently will choose to follow up her victory is not yet known, but if she does she will undoubte Journal. oubtedly win renown.-Indianapolis

By FRANCIS BRET HARTE.

Come with me now and I'll show you

the wagon into pedestrian prose again

well. In the center of a basin a column

here during six months of the year.

estate were apparently of the same inde-

Through Santa Clara Wheat

to his wife. "He thanks you," he said, "for your kindness to his daughter, and The next morning Maj. Randolph took explains that his sudden departure was her with Adele in a light cariole over the ranch. Although his domain was owing to the necessity of his taking advantage of a great opportunity for specnearly as large as the adjoining wheat ulation that had offered." As Mrs. plain, it was not like that monopolized Randolph turned away with a slight one enormous characteristic yield, shrug of her shoulders the major conbut embraced a more diversified prodtinued: "But you haven't heard all. That uct. There were acres and acres of poopportunity was the securing of a half tatoes, in rows of endless and varying interest in a Cinnabus lode in Sonora, succession. There were miles of wild which has already gone up a hundred oats and barley, which overtopped them thousand dollars in his hands. By Jove! as they drove in narrow lanes of dry a man can afford to drop a little social and dusty monotony. There were orceremony on those terms, ch. Josephine?" chards of pears, apricots, peaches and he concluded with a triumphant chuckle. nectarines, and vineyards of grapes so "He's as likely to lose his hundred comparatively dwarfed in height that thousand to-morrow while his manners they scarcely reached to the level of their will remain," said Mrs. Randolph. "I've eyes, yet laden and breaking beneath no faith in these sudden California fortthe weight of their ludicrously disproportionate fruit. What seemed to be a vast

lory.

"You're wrong as regards Mallory, green plateau covered with tiny patches. for he's as careful as he is lucky. He that headed the northern edge of the don't throw money away for appearprospect, was an enormous bed of strawance, sake or he'd have a rich home for berry plants. But everywhere, crossing that daughter. He could afford it." the track, bounding the fields, orchards Mrs. Randolph was silent. "She is and vineyards, intersecting the paths of his only daughter, I believe," she con-

little ruefully, she felt for the first time

dolph received a letter from Mr. Mal-When he had read it he turned

mortified at their civil insincerity At the end of two weeks Maj. Ran-

the whole domain, were narrow irrigattinued presently. ing ducts and channels of running water. "Yes; he has no other kith or kin," re-"Those," said the major poetically, turned the major. "are the yeins and arteries of the ranch.

"She seems to be very much impressed by Emile," said Mrs. Randolph. Major Randolph faced his wife quick-

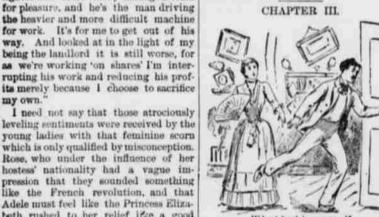
its pulsating heart." Descending from "In the name of all that's ridicuhe led Rose a hundred yards further to lous, my dear, you are not already a shed that covered a wonderful artesian thinking of"- he gasped.

"I should be very loth to give my of water rose regularly with the even sanction to anything of the kind, knowflow and volume of a brook. "It is one of the largest in the state," said the ing the difference of her birth, education and religion, although the latter, I believe, major, "and is the life of all that grows she would readily change," said Mrs. Randolph severely. "But when you speak Pleased as the young girl was with of my already thinking of such things. these evidences of the prosperity and do you suppose that your friend Mr. position of her host, she was struck, Mallory didn't consider all that when he however, with the fact that the farm sent that girl here?"

laborers, vine growers, nursery men and "Never," said the major vehemently; all field hands scattered on the vast and if it entered his head now, by Jove he'd take her away to-morrow--alpendent, unpastoral and unprofessional ways supposing I didn't anticipate him character as the men of the wheat field. by sending her off myself."

There were no cottages or farm build-Mrs. Randolph uttered her mirthless ings that she could see, nor any apparlaugh. "And you suppose the girl would ent connection between the household go? Really, major, you don't seem to and the estate. Far from suggesting understand this boasted liberty of your tenantry or retainers, the men who were own countrywomen. What does she working in the fields glanced at them care for her father's control? Why, as they passed with the indifference of she'd make him do just what she wanted. But," she added with an expression of strangers, or replied to the major's greetings of questionings with perfect dignity, "perhaps we had better not equality of manner or even businesslike discuss this until we know something reserve and caution. Her host explained of Emile's feelings in the matter. That that the ranch was worked by a comis the only question that concerns us." pany "on shares;" that those laborers With this she swept out of the room, were in fact the bulk of the company, leaving the major at first speechless with and that he, the major, only furnished honest indignation, and then, after the the land, the seed and the implements. fashion of all guileless natures, a little "That man who was driving the long uneasy and suspicious of his own guileroller, and with whom you were indiglessness. For a day or two after he nant because he wouldn't get out of our found himself, not without a sensation way, is the president of the company." of meanness, watching Rose when in Emile's presence, but he could distin-'That needn't make him so uncivil," said Rose, poutingly, "for if it comes to guish nothing more than the frank satisthat you're the landlord," she added faction she showed equally to the others. Yet he found himself regretting even "No," said the major good humored-

that, so subtle was the contagion of his ly, "I am simply the man driving the wife's suspicions.



FASHION'S CHANGES

FASHION'S CHANGES.
Observations About Woman's Wear and the Attitude of the Male Sec.
What a queer thing fashion is, and how few people have really a judgment of their own, independent of the precept and practice of their fellows? Who would ever dream (except from the law of contradiction) that the same ladies who, as girls, sewed every locket of every size and shape that they possessed on to a band of velvet, and, this array ed, act forth to a ball, would in later life complacently contemplate their own For the last ten years the pendulum was For the last ten years the pendulum was swung in the other direction. No one has worn anything but diamonds, and the question must sometimes occur to the feeblest mind, "Where do they all come from?" Come from, that is, not mineralogically, but financially. Our friends are no richer than they

were: nay, is it not notorious that we are all poorer? They do not run into This is what C. D. Fredericks, the welldebt; they are not (like the virinous) known photographer of New York, says: young man in "Beggars All") house breakers first and journalists after; they are not rocklessly improvident in other directions, but their wives, and even their daughters, would not think of dining out without wearing at least one diamond brooch.

In wedding presents it is just the same Thirty years ago the uncles and aunts of the middle classes thought they had done their duty handsomely by their relations if they presented them with a bracelet an inch wide, having the legend 'Marah," or "Mizpah," or some other Hebrew word chased on it in blue enamel. Now, nothing under a pair of silver muffineers is allowed to pass, and they are considered mean for any one nearer than a second cousin. If the incantious male relative thinks he will save himself trouble by inquiring what the bridal pair would like, he is lost. A check toward furnishing is hinted at in delicate terms, and the most courageous of mortals would hardly dare to make one out for anything under twenty pounds sterling, knowing as he does full

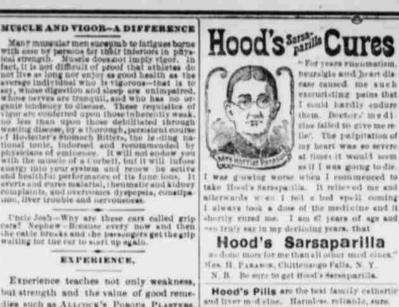
well that a slip of paper with his name and the amount will be duly exposed liger variety among the wedding presents. As to dress, in this as in other direc

tions, the periodicity of fashion is the only thing certain about it. The civilized world has lately been suffering from a heavy Valois reaction, and such has been the cruze for tightness and stiffness that ladies have not hesitated to adopt fashions which the court of Henri III or Charles IX only reserved for men. High, stiff collars (fatal to people with short necks or defective respiration) have reigned side by side with huge open ruffs, charming when seen from the front, frightful when looked at from behind. For years past it has been impossible to induce any dressmaker to leave the sweeping line of the neck and arm as nature made it. Husbands may scold, asthetic friends may scoff, but till the fiat goes forth from the lawgivers of Paris women will have to wear humps on their shoulders in

Margot.

ome wise after the fashion of the Reine Nothing is more strange and worthy of notice than the attitude of the main sex toward the attire of their womankind. In theory they may (and do) loudly object to special articles of cloth-Use Knameline Stove Polish: no dust, no amel Tay GREMES for breakfast.

ing as being "ugly" and "absurd." Yet. if the natural gentleness of her sex in duces the lady to listen to these observations and to try to conform to their spirit, she will reap the invariable reward of such patient Griseldas by her husband or brother informing her, as they return from the next fashionable party, that "he does not know why it is. but there is something rather odd about her dress and he did not see any one else of with it." In theory men always desire women to dress sensibly. In practice they detest singularity and anything that calls for remark. A man's ideal dress for his female belongings is either "black silk" or "white muslin."-London Spectator.



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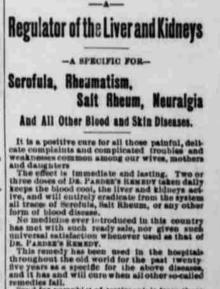


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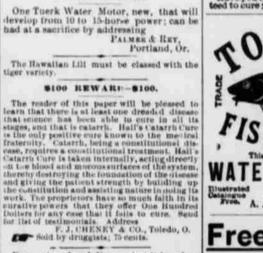
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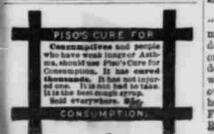
It's an odd thing, but there are a number of people who have a distinct antipathy to the screech owl and cannot listen to a single burst of its hilarity without shuddering. The screech owl is supposed by the negroes on southern plantations to be in direct communication with all the "ghosts" and "giants" of the forests. He plays a great part in the more weird folklore story of the darkies. A funny superstition in regard to the screech owl is that if you will take your shoe or slipper off your left foot the first time you hear an owl laugh and turn the shoe sole upward on the floor and place your "stockin foot" on the bottom of the shoe's sole the owl will stop laughing and By for 10 miles without rest.-Cincinnati Times-Star.

Labouchere's Grim Humor.

Mr. Labouchere, M. P., went to the door by a brawny Yorkshireman with the question, "Say, mister, can ye tell me t' coort where Labby's to be tried/" Recovering from the shock of finding he was expected to be in the criminal dock, Mr. Labouchere led his unknown friend into the court, pointed to a red haired ruffian on his trial for a shocking offense, whispersa "That's Labby!" and quietly disappeared .- New York Telegram.

Byron's Queer Household.

Shelley, consisted, besides servants. of 10 horses, 8 enormous dogs, 3 mon keys, 5 cats, an easie, a crow and a falcon, and all except the horses went to and fro in the house at thei. picusure.



which is only qualified by misconception. Rose, who under the influence of her hostess' nationality had a vague impression that they sounded something like the French revolution, and that Adele must feel like the Princess Elizabeth, rushed to her relief like a good girl. "But, major, now you're a gentle man, and if you had been driving that roller you know you would have turned out for us."

lighter and more easily managed team

triumphantly.

my own.

"I don't know about that," said the major mischievously, "but if I had I should have known that the other fellow who accepted it wasn't a gentleman."

But Rose having sufficiently shown her partisanship in the discussion, after the feminine fashion, did not care particularly for the logical result. After a moment's silence she resumed, "And the wheat ranch below-is that carried on in the same way?"

"Yes; but their landlord is a bank, who advances not only the land but the money to work it, and doesn't ride around in a buggy with a couple of charmingly distracting young ladies." "And do they all share alike?" con-

tinued Rose, ignoring the pleasantry; "big and little-that young inventor with the rest?" She stopped. She felt the ingenue's

upon her with an unhallowed precocity and as quickly withdrawn. Without changed the subject. The next day they drove to the Con-

Leeds assizes recently to hear a civil zeal, and the austere seclusion and reaction for slander in which he was serve of those cloisters repeated that the defendant. While waiting for suggestion of an old world civilization the case to be called he strolled to that had already fascinated the young ward the criminal court and was western girl. They made other excurrather surprised to be assailed at the sions in the vicinity, but did not extend it to a visit to their few neighbors. With their reserved and exclusive ideas this fact did not strike Rose as peculiar, but on a later shopping expedition to the town of San Jose a certain reticence and aggressive sensitiveness on the part of the shop keepers and tradespeople toward the Randolphs produced an unat impression on her mind. She is not help noticing, too, that after he first stare of astonishment which greated her appearance with her hostess the herself was included in the antagon-

With her youthful prepossession Byron's household, according to for her friends, this distinction she regarded as flattering and aristocratic, and I fear she accented it still more by discussing with Mrs. Randolp's the merits of the shopsreper's wares in school girl French before them. She was unfortunate enough, however, to doothis in the

shop of a polyglot German. "Ozcoes ms, mees," he said gravely, "but dot lady speeks Engeleesh so goot mit yourselluf, and ven you dells to her dot silk is hallnf gotton in English she onderstand you mooch better, and it don't make nodings to ma." The laugh which would have followed from her own country woman did not, however, break upon the trained faces of the "de Fontages L'Hommadieus," yet while Bose would have joined in it. albeit a lector. What had happened?

It had been . warm moraing. An unusual mist, which the sun had not dissipated, had crept on from the great grain fields beyond, and hung around the house charged with a dry, dusty closeness that seemed to be quite independent of the sun's rays, and more like a heated exhalation or emanation of the soil itself. In its acrid irritation Rose thought she could detect the breath of the wheat as

on the day she had plunged into its pale green shadows. By the afternoon this mist had disappeared, apparently in the same mysterious manner, but not scattered by the usual trade wind which-another un-

usual circumstance-that day was not forthcoming. There was a breathlessness in the air like the hush of listening expectancy which filled the young girl with a vague restlessness, and seemed to even affect a scattered company of crows in the field beyond the house which rose suddenly with startled but aimless wings usually complacent eyes suddenly fixed and then dropped vacantly among the

grain again. Maj. Randelph was inspecting a disknowing why, she felt embarrassed and | tant part of the ranch, Mrs. Randolph was presumably engaged in her boudoir. and Rose was sitting between Adele and vent of Santa Clara and the mission Emile before the piano in the drawing college of San Jose. Their welcome at room, listlessly turning over the leaves of both places seemed to Rose to be a some music. There had been an old mingling of caste greeting and spiritual mingling of eagerness and abstraction in the usual attentions of the young man that morning, and a certain nervous affectation in his manner of twisting the ends of a small black mustache which resembled his mother's eyebrows, that had affected Rose with a half amused, half uneasy consciousness, but which she had, however, referred to the restlessness produced by the weather. It occurred to her also that the vacuously amiable Adele had once or twice regard ed her with the same precocious, childlike curiosity and infantine cunning she

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had once before exhibited.

Big and Little Postage Stamps.

The largest postage stamp ever isst measured 4 inches by 2-the size of the old United States 5 cent stamp, restricted to packages of newspapers and periodicals posted in bulk and never intended for leters. The penny Mulagasear stamp see rd to size. I inches by 1% inches, od in regs was used to prepay postage on letters postof at the British consulate at Antananarivo, where there was no other postoffice in 1886. The private postage stamp of Robinson & Co. s express, with @s figure of a bear, is 0% by 1% inches. The stamp entitled "Califorming penny postage from the postoffice (jing the water, enre of Penny Post Co." for 1885 is in size" "There's no 214 by 114 inches. The quarter schilling officer, stamp of Mecklenburg-Schwerin which "Ike was issued in 1856 is the smallest ever issued -less than one-fourth the size of the current -less than one-fourth the size of the contake boy, "and I've ketched a even down on the penny English stamp-and it would take boy, "and I've ketched a even down on the about 50 of them to cover the surface of the last hour. The down the one hadn't anything more to The down the one hadn't anything more to

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An Opera in a Private House

The entertainment given by Madame de Barrics at her house on the night of March 12 was notable as being the first time that a private opera by professional artists had ever been undertaken in this country. Only two other entertainments of this sort have ever been given-one dorse it. by the Earl of Dudley, in England, about

ten years ago: the other by the Comtesse de Chambrun, in Paris, about a year since, and both these were in charge of Colonel Mapleson, who also managed the opera for Madame de Barrios. The opera was the third act of "Faust" and the prima donna of the evening was Madame Laura Schirmer-Maple-on This was her only public appearance this season. The other members of the com pany were selected from the Abbey-Grau opera company, and the stage was arranged to be as nearly as possible the counterpart, on a small scale, of that at the Metropolitan opera house.-New York Letter.

Two French Women Journalists.

The two most noted women in French journalism are Mme. Adam and Mme. Severine. The former is well known to English speaking people as well as French, both as a journalist and a woman of letters. Mme. Severine is said to possess a prodigionaly facile pen and brought him through nicely. to be "kindly, eminently democratic, wearing her heart upon her sleeve, nothing of a blue stocking and having and thorough in its work. the gift of tears to exaggeration." addition to this she is the best pupil of HAVE Victor Hugo. Mme. Yver occupies a unique place in French journalism as a reporter of police cases .-- Paris Letter.

Sanitary Education.

Sanitary education, to say the least, is in a very backward state. This is true not only of the householder but also of the great majority of those holding responsible positions in connection with our departments. If proof were wanted it would only be necessary to visit some of our principal dwellings, houses and schools, and carefully inspect those which possess the certificates of our city sanitary authorities to satisfy themselves of the unsafe condition of their plumb log.-Exchange.

A Good Catch.

The boy was sitting by a very disreputable looking stream, over which passed a small bridge, and he was evidently fish-

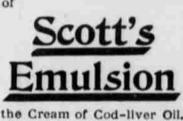
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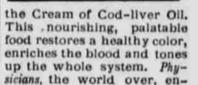
"I know it."

"What are you fishing for?" "Suckers that nok questions," replied the boy, "and I've ketched a even down to the

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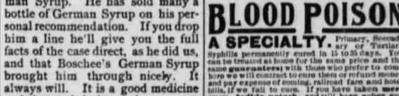
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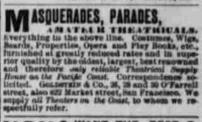
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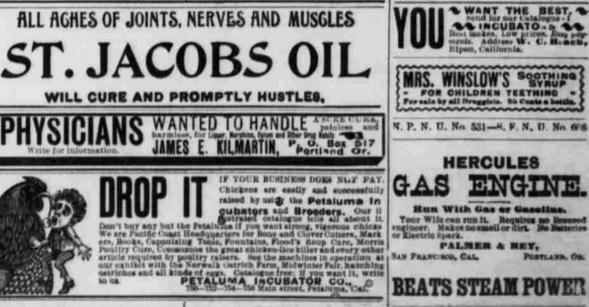


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