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SUMMING UP THE SITUATION

(Continued from first page.)

ground near me, shot through the abdomen. He could hardly speak owing to the dryness of his mouth, but he said: "Take it to my first. He's worse hit than me." After reading this one can understand that General Buller did not sleep over when he wrote:

"The men are splendid."

Professor Caldwell Smith writes to the speaker one of the most misleading letters which could possibly be put before the public. It commences by saying:

"I suppose the donors of the Maine thought that they were paying a compliment to America in calling it by that name, but really they were pricking the American conscience, as there are few things more certain than that the Maine was blown up by the igniting of coal in her bunkers."

"The same accident has happened to three American vessels since one of them commanded by the same captain of the Maine, though in these cases the vessels were saved. Nothing is more certain than that the Maine was not blown up by the Spaniards."

There is more in the same strain, including as a proof of his contention, a remark that "No more now is heard of the monument which was to be erected to the crew of the Maine."

Though criticism of the government and its methods of handling the war is unabated, it is safe to say that when parliament meets Tuesday next nothing serious will result.

There will be the usual notions of censure with, perhaps, more than the usual impassioned denunciations of the various departments of the administration, especially of the war and colonial offices. But such is the patri-

Crippled by Rheumatism.

Those who have Rheumatism find themselves growing steadily worse all the while. One reason of this is that the remedies prescribed by the doctors contain mercury and potash, which ultimately intensify the disease by causing the joints to swell and stiffen, producing a severe aching of the bones. S. S. S. has been curing Rheumatism for twenty years—even the worst cases which seemed almost incurable.

Capt. O. E. Hughes, the popular railroad conductor, of Columbia, S. C., had an experience with Rheumatism which convinced him that there is only one cure for that painful disease. He says: "I was a great sufferer from muscular Rheumatism for two years. I could get no permanent relief from any medicine prescribed by my physician. I took about a dozen bottles of S. S. S., and now I am as well as I ever was in my life. I am sure that your medicine cured me, and I would recommend it to any one suffering from any blood disease."



Everybody knows that Rheumatism is a diseased state of the blood, and only a blood remedy is the only proper treatment, but a remedy containing potash and mercury only aggravates the trouble.

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ents' names has given rise to considerable criticism as it is an unprecedented action and in the street the brokers are almost as much blamed as the women for allowing matters to reach such a stage.

A new 14-pounder semi-automatic rapid-fire gun, made by the Vickers-Maxim Company for the navy department, was tested this week in the presence of the United States naval attaché, Lieutenant Commander Colwell, and the admiralty officials. Twelve rounds were fired satisfactorily and 2,500 feet initial velocity was secured with seventeen tons pressure. The weapon will now be shipped to the United States.

Sporting circles continue agitated lest Flying Fox should go out of the country. The Man of the World says: "The only chance, so far as I can see, of Flying Fox running into a very fancy price is that an American society may desire to win the Ascot gold cup. I do not suppose for a moment that Sir J. Blundell Maple would want him for such a purpose. Mr. Whitney is said to be much richer than Sir Charles Blundell Maple, and is connected by marriage with the Paget family here. At it happens, however, the sporting sections of the Pagets will not be seen at Ascot, as most of them are out at the war. With another buyer than Mr. Whitney or with the reserve reached, we may take it that the Flying Fox will not run for the Ascot cup. For that reason, I hope the price will be a very stiff one. It is ought to be. Such a horse ought to belong only to a Westminister."

Shirley Low is editing the Anglo-Saxon Review during Lady Randolph Churchill's absence in South Africa. The third number appears today, in unimpaired splendor, the binding being a reproduction of a volume made for King Charles I. at Munich. Stephen Crane and Gertrude Atherton are among the contributors.

Only a few theaters are drawing paying audiences. The Hippodrome in Leicester seems to have had but the popular taste and is crowded nightly.

"PORTO" OR "PUERTO" RICO. Important Disagreement Between the President and the Island Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The senate committee on Porto Rico has decided, so far as it can decide, that the island shall be known as "Porto Rico and not "Puerto" Rico, as fixed by a recent executive order. The committee went over the Foraker bill in detail, deciding upon many changes in the phraseology and some alterations in the provisions of the bill. Probably one of the most important changes was to strike out the word "constitution" wherever it appeared in the original print of the bill. The change was made because of the opinion generally expressed that our constitution is not suited to the Porto Rico people.

Another important amendment provides for the retirement of Porto Rican coin and the substitute for them of the coins of the United States. Another provision authorizes the president to appoint an officer of the army to be governor of the island.

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 27.—News has been received of the sudden death of Fall D. Armour, jr., at Montecito, near Santa Barbara. Young Armour was ill but twenty-four hours and his death was due to congestion of the lungs. He was 31 years of age. He left Chicago three weeks ago in excellent health.

If there is no ballet at the theater, there is bathing at the seashore. The bald-headed contingent never gets left.



When a business man gets to the point where he cannot sleep at night, where his head so thunders that it is torture to even remain in his bed, and he has to get up and pace the floor—it is time for that man to bring himself up with a round turn. If he does not, it means nervous prostration and mental, if not physical, death.

For a man who gets into this condition there is a remedy that will brace him up, put him on his feet and make a man of him again. It is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It goes to the bottom of things. It searches out the first cause. When a man is in this condition you can put your finger on one of two spots and hit your mark—either the stomach or the liver or both. This great medicine acts directly on these spots. It promptly transforms a weak stomach into a healthy one. It facilitates the flow of digestive juices and makes digest food and assimilate it perfectly. It gives a man an appetite like a boy's. It invigorates the liver. It fills the blood with the life-giving elements of the food, and makes it pure, rich, red and plentiful. The blood so shattered of nerve that it is torture to even remain in his bed, and he has to get up and pace the floor—it is time for that man to bring himself up with a round turn. If he does not, it means nervous prostration and mental, if not physical, death.

THE EVOLUTION OF WOMAN

Her Progress During the Nineteenth Century—Its Causes and Effects Graphically Portrayed.

The following essay on the evolution of woman in America during the Nineteenth century was delivered by Mrs. Olivia R. Welch, before the Society of Native Daughters of Astoria, in this city, January 23, 1900.

The evolution of woman during the century that is now closing, and the amelioration of her conditions as viewed from an industrial and sociological standpoint, is a subject so vast in magnitude, so varied in its details, so far-reaching in its causes and effects, that I find it hard to confine within the limits of such a paper as this, all I wish to say. In order to make comparisons that will plainly elucidate and untangle from the mazes of the present, the relation it bears to the things of the past, the causes of present conditions and the reasons in past decades that have brought about present results, it is necessary to take a retrospective view of the environments and immediate surroundings of our mothers and grandmothers. And to do this we must eliminate from our field of vision everything material in saving machinery, and most all the way of modern inventions of labor-saving devices. I will, therefore, confine my comparisons to those inventions that have the greatest bearing on the most marked changes in the condition of woman, and in doing this we must remove the sewing machine, which comes first in the household as a labor-saving invention. All modern machinery, the telephone, the typewriter, the knitting machine, all factory machinery run by steam or electricity, the gas stove, the refrigerator, the electric light, the gas and electric street cars, the manifold uses of gas and electricity as applied to the working woman's convenience and to modern homes.

The great ocean cables, cheap and rapid transit by steam and electric, the bicycle and myriads of minor details on household utility as cooking stoves and ranges, gas stoves, etc., carpet sweepers, mangles and washing machines, steam cookers, boilers and kettles, and the like, if you can, on the awful void that would be created in our world of today if all these things were removed from our every day life. When this now vanishing world had little time for educational advantages, such as women now enjoy, even though they had been at hand. Her time was all occupied in long her household duties, which were never done by the mother of a large and growing family, besides doing the family cooking, washing and ironing, spinning and weaving in slow hand looms, the cloth and yarns for family clothing, and the making of such things as, as it were, each garment with needle and thread, or knitting needles, for herself, husband, children and household. And of the daughters of poverty in the cities.

In Thomas Hood's song of the shirt we have a vivid picture that portrays the conditions of the extremity of poverty, a woman sewing far into the night by the dim light of a candle "flying the needle and thread" and wending up the heart-rending cry of starving virtue, and womanly despair, in the words—

"O God, that bread should be so dear,
And fish and blood so cheap."
And the whole pitiful story is told in the words "Stitch, stitch, stitch, in poverty, hunger and dirt."

The first use of labor-saving inventions that gave woman a chance to occasionally cease from her labors, I will place the sewing machine. And woman throughout the enlightened world would shout for joy and thanksgiving to the name of Elias Howe, its inventor. The next in the line of inventions comes Cyrus McCormick, the inventor of the reaper, then came invention after invention, until now, when the labor of man is run by steam and electricity; doing in a few short hours what before had occupied months and weeks. So throughout our broad land the wives and daughters of farmers, who, by the use of the hand-motors of their existence, often from hard labor and exposure, became helpless, insane or succumbed to their hard lot and passed on with the great majority, now find many hours of rest and time for mental culture.

Now, when we think for one moment that there is nothing of any consideration in use by us today that 50 years ago was not wholly unimagined of, or was in the crude, unformed state of infancy, in use by only the rich, because the poor could not afford such extravagant luxuries, it makes us realize the glory of this, the greatest and brightest century in the history of the civilization of mankind. In the history of the Hebrews, we are told that thousands of years ago, they were in bondage to the Egyptians for 200 years, that they labored with their hands, men, women and children. To help build Egypt's immortal monuments of greatness, a rude and helpless contribution to the most wonderful civilization of ancient history. But to that which still lives today of Egyptian architectural grandeur, it took myriads of human slaves almost unnumbered centuries to build. The contribution made to Egypt by the Hebrew slaves, millions of them, was but as a handful of dust added to a mountain. Egypt has been in process of building ages before we hear of her through this meager bit of Hebrew history and continued on in the same way centuries after—and so all the way of advancement has been made by patient toil of untold generations in a crude, cumbersome way, until almost simultaneously like a blinding flash of lightning came crowding one upon another, the wonderful labor-saving and world-enlightening giving inventions of this, our proud century which has made a sharp turning point in the progress of the world.

Again, alluding to inventors, most of them are American born, sons of American mothers, the country of all the earth today that has the freest and most enlightened womanhood for all classes of women, and the best humanitarian institutions for the care and protection of helpless women and children. A short while ago there were no free kindergartens, where the smallest children were cared for and taught in such a gentle guiding way that the children think it play instead of daily mental and physical development. There were no pleasant homes for little children, where working

and mostly by women's means. Women's sympathy and fine spiritual intuition make her especially adaptable to all charitable and educational work. It is now that the mothers of men are having their first innings since the history of mankind began. They are having time to rest from their labors, time to think and time to become enlightened women.

The mothers in this progressive world must be women of thought with the courage of their convictions as well as to have the old time patience, virtue and industry. Women today are growing ambitious as they grow into knowledge. They are becoming inventors, artists, doctors, lawyers, dentists, merchants, bankers, skilled workwomen in all the many trades and vocations made possible by the unthinkable and delicate machinery and appliances that require dainty and deft fingers to manipulate. So man has unwittingly led women along the highroad of knowledge by his labor-saving inventions. And as she mentally and spiritually expands, and asks at his hands to whom she has given birth more room in the wide world with him, she finds that it is only to ask and she shall receive.

She is gradually slipping into a place by his side in theological, medical and collegiate education. And as much of the labor of her hand has been spirited away, so, having a brain, and time to take mental food, we find her craving for knowledge such as womankind has never known before.

One hundred years ago woman, however much she desired a higher education, it was denied her. Our brother man said "no." To us only it is given to receive the sciences. Today the universities of the whole world are throwing open their doors to women. Even conservative Germany and Russia are falling into line; Turkey permits trained women physicians from Europe and America to enter the sacred precincts of the haven to attend the sick. Our Harvard has 42 graduate courses open to women. Of 72 colleges and universities and theological schools in the United States two hundred and forty-six are now admitting women. And women are fast awakening from their long Rip Van Winkle sleep and quietly and without fuss or contention, are taking the place in the world that their expanding mind and broader knowledge requires.

AGENTS TO BE CONSOLIDATED. Union Pacific System Will Be Hereafter Represented by a Single Local Agent.

OMAHA, Jan. 27.—It is announced that the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company have decided upon a consolidation of general agencies. Heretofore each road has maintained separate general agencies in some towns. From this on, one agent will look after the business of all three of the roads in the various cities.

In the East the joint agent will be a Union Pacific man, in the Short Line territory a Short Line man will be agent and on the Pacific coast business will be looked after by the Oregon Navigation men.

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7:00 p. m.	for Astoria and return	mediate points.

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7:45 a. m.	For Portland & Intermediate points	10:30 a. m.
6:10 p. m.	Intermediate points	10:30 p. m.

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