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f Lot Alone to Choose Their Own Vocation Many Would Be Better Off Than With a Chaperone to Guide and Guard Them.

Klotho McGee, daughter of Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, is going with her father, Professor McGee, the anthropologist, to Arizona. Professor McGee will make explorations in the desert near Yuma, said to be the hottest place in North America. Miss McGoe is fifteen years old and accompanies her father of her own choice. It is pleasant to note that at least one girl is thus al lowed to have her own way without any conventional old tabbles to sit upon her and crush the originality out of her. One young woman I know would have made a shining success on the dramatic stage but for the chilling, deadening influence of "our folks," who set them selves against it. All over the country are girls who would have been success ful authors, actresses, lawyers, doctors. professional singers or tradeswomen but the aspiration was crushed out of them by old tabbies of both sexes who surrounded them. To be sure, if a girl has tremendous will power she will take her own way in spite of these professors of conventionality, but they make the way ten times as hard for her. But for them hundreds of girls that are now never heard of would make brilliant records in the professions.

The Mothers' Congress meets in April. Do the mothers know what is the most lamentable lack in America today? It is the want of training in common honesty and courtesy in the schools. The country is overwhelmed with persons who come from the most boorish classes of Europe. They are strong and cheeky; they know only how to grab all they can without any scruple of good manners or any other kind of scruple. Too often, indeed, the very teachers come from this same class and actually themselves need ethical and sesthetic training as much as their pupils do. American men are rapidly acquiring the reputation of being the rudest, most unpleasant mannered men in civilization. These are not men of the old American stock, but those who have no training in morality or politeness either at home or in school. Nobody but mothers can deal with this grave menace to American society.

Always let your opponent have the last word in an argument.

In view of the many recent ferocious attacks on them by men in all parts of this country women need to learn all branches of self defense-shooting, boxing, fist fighting and even jlu jitsu.

A curious thing happened the other evening in New York. A well bred person could scarcely believe it, but I assure you it is fact. A young lady—at least she is supposed to be a lady-had dinner with some friends. After dinner a man told an amusing story. The climax to the story took the girl unawares, and she laughed suddenly and immoderately and swallowed a big steel pin. She she one hates to write it, but that girl was picking her teeth with this pin. Troubles followed. There came an ambulance and took the girl to the hospital. Next came surgeons, knives, rays, magnets and eager doctors "trying projects" on her. At last reports the young woman was in a sad condition from fright, suffering and the doctors' continued "projects."

The twentieth century American girl can take care of herself better than anybody else can take care of her.

Moral-Let those addicted to the dinner

table toothpick habit use a fork.

N 10 In the schools conducted by the Soclety For Ethical Culture, founded in this country by Felix Adier, practical morality without any theological creed is carefully inculcated. So are politeness and the Golden Rule. Every year sons of some of the poorest, most ignorant foreign parents are turned out from the ethical culture schools finished

American gentlemen.

. . For many years girls have been try ing, often vainly, to squeeze into colleges and universities attended by the supreme white male person. At length philanthropists took pity on poor, forlorn girls and established schools of housekeeping, where feminine folk with their living to earn might become accomplished cooks and housekeepers. Now young men by the hundred are trying to get into these schools and become skilled cooks, even not hesitating to crowd out the girls, if it were possible. Queer, isn't it, how men always want every good thing in sight?

教教 from an operatic company because she was not beautiful has brought suit

against the company for compensation to her hurt prospects and her hurt feelings. No matter how comely the young lady was to begin, she will find by the time she is done with that lawsuit her beauty will be all worried out of her. Mr. Roath of Chicago is giving away all his property during his lifetime to avoid litigation over it after his death. Wise Mr. Roath of Chicago!

. . Among the ancient Mayas of Yucatan husbands and wives confessed their sins, not to a priest, but to each other. What a time we should have if that were the custom in America now! ELIZA ARCHARD CONNER.

A Woman's Ruse

[Originas.]

Many years ago Edward Bixby left a his fortune in the west. Bixby became a prospector in Colorado and bought a claim which he worked with a man by the name of Clark. One day Clark took Bixby to a little pocket of rocks near the mine and showed him where he had placed some articles he did not care to keep on his person. There were some money, a revolver, a gold pencil case, a bunch of keys and a picture of a wo-

"I want you to know where these things are in case anything happens to me," Clark said, and, having covered the pocket with a broad, flat stone, left no sign of the concealed articles.

Some time after this Clark was taken ill and, having no relative to leave any property to, made a will leaving his interest in their claim to Bixby, though there was then no great apparent value in the hole they were sinking. Clark recovered, but the will was not destroyed. One day Bixby left the claim for a

day to buy provisions, and when he came back he found that Clark had been murdered during his absence. There was no trace of the murderer, and Bixby was much puzzled as to who had done the deed. Bixby went on digging and finally struck very valuable ore. Then he filed Clark's will.

He had been suspected of Clark's murder, and now that it appeared he had a motive be was arrested. .He could not prove that the murder was committed during his absence, and no one else was known to have an interest in Clark's death. Persons who had sold him and Clark the claim they had worked when it was thought to be of little value, hoping that if Bixby was hanged they might get it back, manufactured evidence against him, and he was convicted. The usual efforts were made by his lawyers to save his life, but they were all failures, and finally they told him he must prepare for death.

It was only a few days before the execution was to take place that a young man, an effeminate, apparently half witted fellow, entered a saloon at the county seat where Bixby bad been tried and was to be executed. Going to the bar, he called for a drink and in payment offered a revolver. vis Clark," the name of the man who per pound. had been murdered. The barkeeper took the revolver in payment for the drink and immediately sent it to the authorities. The young man who had offered it was arrested, and on his person were found two of the other articles Clark had buried, the gold pencil case and the picture of a woman. The man could give no account of himself, and since Clark had shown the picture to several persons they were enabled to identify it as his property. Bixby was released and the young man was put on trial for the murder of Clark.

Bixby's lawyers advised him to spare no pains to convict the accused, thus vindicating himself, but Bixby declared that his misfortune had shattered his nerves and he would go east to be nursed back to health by his wife. The prosecuting attorney had objected to his being permitted to depart. Bixby, however, got away before any legal move could be made to detain him.

He had had plenty of time to reach a safe distance when the young man who was about to be tried sent for the prosecuting attorney. When that official appeared the prisoner said to him: "I'm not a man. I'm a woman and the wife of the man you hoped to hang. My husband wrote me where Clark had concealed certain articles. I came here, found them and produced the revolver for the purpose which has been achieved. I had arranged it all with my hus-

The astonished official ordered the prisoner to be examined by a woman, who found her claim to be true.

"And now," said Mrs. Bixby. "I be lieve the picture of the woman Clark hid with the other articles to have something to do with the murder. Release me, and I will endeavor to find 433 Commercial Street

Mrs. Bixby was released and se about the task she had assigned her self. It was not long before she discov ered the picture to be that of a woman who had left her husband for Clark The erring woman's husband was arrested for the murder, but he was not brought to trial. The sympathy of the people was in favor of one who had simply avenged a wrong in a way that they considered legitimate. The prisoner confessed that he had long looked for Clark and when he found him gave fearing arrest on charge of murder, be

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There was a great deal of sympathy for Bixby, who had come so near being hanged for a murder he had not committed, and a great deal of admiration for the woman who had saved him. He remained in hiding till his wife had uncovered the real facts of the tragedy; then, on an invitation from the people of the region, he returned, took up the work on his mine where he had left it and became rich.

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