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Unsympathetic Motherhood

And What It Must Answer For. A few days ago we were sitting in the Union depot awaiting an facoming but delayed train. As is our habit, we began speculating on the faces that were passing back and forth, seeing in some benevolence, in others temper, sorrow or joy; wondering what had been the life of this one or the future of that, and in our imagination fixing the destiny of each one as they passed in when our reverie was interrupted fe shricks of a little light-haired by the shricks of a little light-haired fairy of a girl probably four years old, who had been dancing and skipping over the floor climbing over the seats and doing all those childish things that every other little tot does when tired and waiting in a public place. The child was of that delicate, sensitive type which indicates good breeding rather than ill health, pretty as a picture, but upon a study of the face, which had certainly not seen more than four or five summers, there was cast a shadow of something which was neither sorfive summers, there was cast a shadow of something which was neither sortow or unhappiness, yet was not so very far from either. The child was well indeed beautifully dressed, which would indicate the mother above the conditions where a question of finances could harass her or create fil temper, if such a thing ever was excusable. But then the shriek went up from the baby girl and a score of people were on their feet, alarmed at the resounding crack from the little one's head as it atruck the coid stone floor. The well dressed, rather handsome mother sprang to her, grabbed her by one arm with which she swing her into a seat, and proceeded, after a good shake, to administer a whack on her back that nearly sent what breath was left in the little one out of her, while a continuous volume of out of her, while a continuous volume of blame and repreach was being poured upon the child for making such a scene

upon the child for making such a scene in a public place.

The little one stuffed her tiny fist into her mouth to keep in the sound, while her face turned crimson with the offort and the hurt of the fall. We might have drawn on our imagination in thinking we saw the lines of injustice and resentment draw tighter around the little one's eyes and mouth, but that was the only fact of the above narrative that we are not able to substantiate, but that we are not able to substantiate, but it have us enough food to think about for many an hour to come.

Fortunately such cases are rare, and gross brutality not often encountered in a mother's treatment of her child, and in this case probably the mother would indignantly resent any such accusation, but it taught a deeper lesson than the mere act of unkindness.

It has always been one of our grounded beliefs that where the home training, more properly speaking, the

ng, more properly speaking, the life of a girl has been right, there no danger of her ever straying from paths of virtue. We realize that a statement will not meet with unithis statement will not meet with universal appseval, and that cases without number will be cited to prove how this or that girl fell, after being raised in the most ideal home. Nevertheless, we abide by our first statement. A thousand things go to create the ideal home, and a thousand things may enter in to destroy its ideality; only those within the innermost sanctuaries of the heart can tell what these influences may be, indeed very often they are not even realized until too late, and sometimes the "mists must roll away" before this knowledge comes.

Take the case of the little child who

If mothers could only realize that the very first years of the girl's life are the ones to prepare for the later trials, when sympathy often means salvation, many a girl would be saved. There would be less Crittenden homes, fewer north ends, and infinitely less suffering in the world. Inhesitance is almost an



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Cal., which has been thought worth printing in a New York paper, may be of interest to many Oregon women whose courage in civic work occasion-ally cozes out in petulant expression: whose courage in civic work occasionately work of the work of the property of the civic work of the work and in the case of that girl deal home. Nevertheless, we seption as the work of the work and the property of the civic work of the work and the work of the work of the work of the work and the work of the work and the work of the work every safeguard, but the hurts of after life will, and must come. When the heart is sore, when the need of sympathy and advice are strong upon that child, when the world is probably looking on with critical eyes at some missiep, who will the child turn to? Certainly not to them other who had not the healing kiss for her mis-steps. And there is where the danger lies; when the child has to seek sympathy and advice without the circle of a mother's protecting love and care.

If a child does not grow up in the firm belief that the mother's heart is the shelter place from every stormy wind that blows, she will not seek that shelter in later life.

If mothers could only realize that the mother's could only realize that the round over to the city authorities, who agreed to pay for months in each year. The park department was not very grateful for the continued efforts of the club. Although a gread deal of time and money had been devoted to the beautifying of the park; flowers and shrubs installed, the trustees refused to pay for the services of a gardener or watchman. The boys destroyed the park unless a watchman was constantly on hand, from which it will be seen how badly that town was in need of an Improvement club.

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Encouraging Example of

Woman's Accomplishments.

As much talk has been indulged in within the past few months about the advisability of women's clubs doing civic work, and one very large club in Plitsburg having set the pace for many smaller ones to follow, by passing resolutions to hold sloof from all civic co-operation of clifsens in keeping their lawns and gardens in order and endeavor, the account of the work man's Improvement club of Vallejo.

improved aspect. Swings and benches were purchased for the park, and band concerts on Sunday afternoons were paid for. In three years the club expended \$4,356.54. It is now engaged in beautifying school yards.

This should be an inspiration to discouraged improvement clubs and civic departments. These women worked against odds, against indifference, and a very evident lack of proper appreciation. Yet they kept right en. Such unselfish devotion to a right idea is not met with every day.

done honor to the ancestors from which they sprung. In a recent report made at the Virginia conference, D. A. R. Mrs. Tuttle of Charlottsville said: "We have crected tablets to the mem-

ory of fallen heroes; we have contrib-uted to the various memorial funds; we nted to the various memorial funds; we are now raising money for our Continental hall, and I think we have another privileege, that of helping to carry on this memorial library in the Philippines. Our soldiers in Manila have absolutely nothing to interest them. They have their long, tiresome marches to contend with; they are living in a very unhealthful climate, and have no home ties near at hand—no home news for weeks at a time, and nothing to save them from utter despair except the reading of these books and magazines.

600 volumes to the memory of the Ohlo soldiers who have fallen in the Philippines, and this alcove is called the Ohlo alcove. The California state conference last November agreed to place a similar alcove to the memory of her soldiers.

The efficient librarian is the widow of Colonel Eghert, who was killed in one of the Philippine battles. Four branch libraries will soon be in operation in the outlying and isolated districts where the troops are compelled to remain. It is hard for us, who have never been in the Philippines, to appreciate the need of this work and to realize what helps and pleasures these books are to the home-sick soldiers.

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should be called the American library, and should be non-sectarian, so that soldiers of all creeds and beliefs might feel free to use and enjoy it. A fire-proof building is greatly needed for this central library building in Manila, and there is an opportunity for some generous persons to donate funds for such a building."

Landmarks Committee And Its Method of Work.

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A new thing in club committees is projected by the Wisconsin state federation. The members are interested in a movement to preserve and restore old landmarks in the state, and propose to appoint a landmarks committee to take charge of the work. Mr. Reuben G. Thwaltes of the State Historical society, has, at their request, formulated suggestions for the club women interested as follows: (1) The location, description and preservation of the Indian mounds; (2) the location and history of first buildings in a community—trading posts, fortifications, first dwellings, school houses, churches — obtaining photographs whenever possible; (3) the careful preservation of local records; (4) a study of the nomenclature of (4) a study of the nomenclature of towns, streets and natural points of in-

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If the Oregon federation could find snough interested women in its ranks to take up this work, there is certainly no greater field for it, or better time. To be sure we have a growing and prosperous Historical society, but nothing to compare with Wisconsin, and if the women there find it a good thing, why not the women of Oregon? In conjunction with the Historical society most valuable work could be done. As a rule women have more time to devote to these things and in the course of nature they learn more of the unrecorded history of a country than the business men, and by attempting to gather it systematically much could now be saved while many pioneers are still among us, that will be gone with their passing. It would, however, require a committee of peculiar fitness; it would be largely a labor of love and a patriotic sense of duty that would have to enter into the work to make it successful, and Oregon, at least, needs no more ornamental workers.



Demonstrator of Domestic Science at Gladstone Park Chautauqua.

Forestry Club Meets at Chautauqua and Picnics.

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The July meeting was postponed one week that the members might study forestry in the beautiful groves at Gladstone Park, so on Tuesday almost the full complement of members journeyed to the Chautanqua, bent upon study from nature pure and simple.

"Thereby hangs a tale," and probably Mrs. Ogden's neighbors, where the party lunched, know more about the dignity of the Forestry club than the members would be willing to admit, but as it was a day calculated to break out of harness the shouts of laughter that rang out over the woods indicated that if it was study they were hunting they were getting it in an exceedingly happy manner.

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The president is a most dignified and august presiding officer, but for the once she could not even bring order out of chaos with the assistance of a tent pin, and in despair she called the meeting off and all repaired to the auditorium to hear Dr. Krebs, which certainly must have had a more quieting effect than the lunch coffee, for the much tried president was able to herd them together about 4 p. m. and maintain order while a very interesting paper on the eucallyptus tree was read by Mrs. Wetmore, who had prepared it with much care and trouble and had brought specimens sent her from California. The paper was much enjoyed and attentively listened to, the only sign of refraction being when a hungry member began devouring the peppermint corns.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in Hawthorne Park, the second Tuesday in August.

Peep out from the brush growing rank and low—
There a campfire sent forth its tongues of flame,
And from city and countryside there came
From the Woman's club a merry crew the official organ of the Club Woman, the new president, Mrs. Sarah Platt-Decker, is in regard to the Club Woman, the official organ of the general federation. It will be remembered that at the St. Louis convention the magazine had a glose call and by a bare majority was readopted as the official organ. Creditably to both sides very little of the "true inwardness" of the situation was given to the public and interested club women was left to form their own conclusion. Reading between the lines the July number, in an editorial, rather lets the "cat out of the bag" when it says: For reasons that were not made public and are still unknown, the board presented a recommendation in favor of the discontinuance of the official endorsement, and in the discussion that followed many points of interest to our readers and to the management of the Club Woman were brought out. * * Now that the new president, Mrs. Sarah Platt-Decker, is in regard to the Club Woman were left to form their own conclusion. Reading between the lines the July number, in an editorial, rather lets the "cat out of the bag" when it says: For reasons that were not made public and are still unknown, the board presented a recommendation in favor of the discontinuance of the official endorsement, and in the discussion that followed many points of interest to our readers and to the management of the Club Woman were brought out. * * Now that the new president, Mrs. Sarah Platt-Decker, will be the club woman Magazine having the management of the club woman of the magazine were not the closest friends. Then on the next page comes this message from Mrs. Decker:

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in the official magazine, but spontaneous contributions from all parts of the country springing from interest in the work and aims of the general federation.

"The new board of directors, having been informed that such space as they may desire will be at their disposal in the magazine the coming year, outlined the following plan at the hasty meeting held in St. Louis the day after the closing of the blennial. Each member of the board shall have charge of general federation news in the Club Woman magazine for one month in the year, as nagazine for one month in the year, as "August-Mrs. Sarah Platt-Decker.

"September-Mrs. Charles A. Perkins "October—Mrs. Lydia P. Williams.
"November—Mrs. J. Lindsey Johnson "December-Mrs. Belle M. Stouben

"January, 1905-Mrs. Mary S. Wood. "February, 1905—Mrs. Philip M. Moore.
"March, 1905—Mrs. Josiah E. Cowles.
"April, 1905—Mrs. May Alden Ward.
"May, 1905—Mrs. Percy Pennybacker.
"June, 1905—Mrs. William Orr. "July, 1905-Mrs. Charles Yardley

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women and club journals have the benefit of this information, and we desire that much news from many sources be sent to the respective chairmen.

"There is the natural reaction after the biennial, and we feel disinclined for work. But if we do absolutely nothing it is much harder to make a new start in the autumn. I shall hope to have many communications during the summer and, above all. I trust that I may have

yours. "SARAH S. PLATT-DECKER."
"President General Federation."

Iceland Women's Progress and Legal Status.

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been under discussion, or at least agitating the people for a long time, and when the university question was to come up at a recent meeting of the Alting (legislature) the women of Iceland thought it a fitting time to demand more just and equitable rights. On reaching the place of assembly the woman who was to present the request was given the privilege o. the floor on all discussions. This was undoubtedly in respect to a woman's political society that obtains throughout the length and breadth of the land. Its strongth may be measured by the fact that when a local option petition was presented to the Alting it contained nearly 7,000 names.

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It has been considered a bold undertaking for the women of the Dakotas, or even of Oregon, to span such magnificent distances and come together at a state federation meeting, but this fades into insignificance beside this feat of the women of Iceland, where towns are few and far between and it takes 14 days to cross the island. Jessie Ackerman says: "This document should go down in history as a fitting tribute to the untiring energy of women."

For nearly 20 years the women of this country have enjoyed the franchise in all municipal elections, but are not yet considered eligible for office-holding, but that is gradually coming to them if the voice of 7,000 women means anything, and they are now demanding this privilege. It speaks volumes for the estimate that is put upon motherhood when it is known that the only woman on the government pay rolls is the official midwife, who, for small pay must attend those who are unable to procure other service. These midwives, however, are not amateurs, as they must receive a long course of training and be qualified in Denmark.

Marriage is considered the most sacred of all ordinances and a divorce so difficult of obtaining they are of rare occurrence. One of the peculiar features is that the parties must appear before a clergyman and argue their points of difference. It is the duty of the man of God to do everything it his power to bring the parties together; if this is impossible of accomplishment, they are then given papers of separation for three years, at the end of which time the case is again argued, and if no reconciliation is effected the legal decree is granted, and if it is for scriptural cause, both parties may again marry. This is a far step beyond the laws of America. We wonder, bowever, if American women will see such a progressive step in the fact that fashions never change, clothes are worn out and replaced by exactly the same kind, color and cut. Perhaps this is due to the wo

rendered, or the pay accorded, for has work of men.

The outlook for brighter days in this respect looks very far away, but it may not be so far as it looks to the poor-paid, hard-working Icelandic women, for in a country that holds holy the marriage relation, that gives sacred service to motherhood, and allows women a voice in municipal elections will not long withhold their just wage.

Club Women Provide

For Slocum Sufferers. Apropos of the work undertaken by club women for the Slocum sufferers, the New York Post says in part: many communications during the summer and, above all, I trust that I may have the help of your loyalty and friendship.

There is not one woman in the federation who has not the power to send inspiration of some kind to her president and officers. My hope is for a close touch with state federations, clubs and individuals, that together we may further the great purpose and aims of the general federation. Faithfully and sincerely yours. esses than of settlement workers. At meeting was held last week at which Mr. Haas was represented by Dr. George H. Samken, who explained further the needs of the stricken parish. That they would neither understand nor appreciate a settlement house was made plain. They are Lutherans and therefore accustomed to deaconesses, but they are not poor enough to have become acquainted with social workers. 'A settlement such as you propose,' said Dr. Samken, 'would be construed as an interference. A deaconess could be se-

GOSSIP OF SOME CURRENT BOOKS

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