

L. DOUGLASS CRANE, PAINTER OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN



The Girl With the Muff.—From Photograph.

L. Douglas Crane, whom John S. Sargent has pronounced one of the most prominent painters of child portraits in America and for whom he has predicted a place at the head of portraiture, is a guest at a Portland home. Dr. and Mrs. S. Dewitt Campbell, who met him during their recent travels abroad, are entertaining him through the early fall, and though he has been here only a week, his circle of acquaintances already numbers many society folk and he has been warmly received and entertained by everybody. Mr. Crane expresses himself as delighted with Portland people, whom he has found very charming, and he expects to do much very satisfactory work while on the coast.

"Oregon scenery, so far as I have been able to see for the smoke," he said, "seems very pitiable and you have good reason to be proud of your natural scenery. I expect to do some scenes here when the atmosphere clears, so as to carry back some taste of it with me." Mr. Crane is best known for his portrait work, which he effects more than anything else because it appeals to him more strongly, but he has done some creditable landscape work which has been received with approbation. It is fortunate for the public that a man with his talents should prefer portraiture, for landscape artists are more plentiful. Mr. Crane agrees with many art critics in thinking that portrait painting has developed less rapidly than landscape painting in America.

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Portrait of Mrs. William F. King.—From Photograph.

design his own frames, and who should be better able to do this than the painter of the picture himself? Very few of his portraits go out of his hands without a frame suitably designed by him. Among the prominent people that Mr. Crane has transferred to the canvas are Mrs. William Dimmock, sister of William G. Whitney; General Porter, Captain Vandergriff of Pittsburg, whom he has painted three times; Miss Rankin of Chicago, of whom he has made a beautiful decorative picture, and the mother of Wilhelm Funk, whom he considers the subject of the best miniature he has ever done. William Funk is the foremost portrait painter of Germany who ranks with Sargent. The "Girl With the Muff" is a beautiful evening scene in autumnal colors. The face of the girl is painted behind a

to accommodate the others, whereby Mrs. Decker can come from the Illinois convention, which convenes in Chicago October 16, direct to Utah, which has fixed its date the 23d and the 24d of the same month, then giving Idaho October 25-28 and coming on to Portland for October 29-31 and November 1. As Mrs. Decker wrote that if we could decide upon dates whereby she could attend these three conventions while on the one western circuit she would come, there now seems little doubt but that she will be with us, and as this goes to press the state president is awaiting her answer, which she directed should be by wire. Next week definite arrangements for the convention will be announced.

Mr. Mayer, "to the United States supreme court so long as the constitutionality of the statute has been raised." Women all over the land will anxiously await the final decision.

WOMEN'S CLUBS AND WORK

Edited by Mrs. Sarah A. Evans.

An editorial in the Journal one day last week pertinently asks why "woman got along without sewing machines until man invented one for her." Chiefly because, after she had finished the cooking, dishing, washing, washing and ironing, carding and spinning the wool, making clothes for the children, he would find the butter, mending the socks, bearing and rearing the children in the meantime, she spent the leisure time she had in twiddling her thumbs. It is only since the advent of machinery that woman has had a chance to be anything but the burden-bearer of the family. By the way, if the writer of that editorial would visit some of the sweatshops and garment factories he would find that men as well as women are profiting by the invention of the sewing machine. If he looks a little further he will find that the best dish-washing machine in use today was invented by a woman. But he need not be alarmed about the "monotonous task" being passed over to the machine, as long as the human machine can be obtained for her "board and keep."

street between Morrison and Alder? Why cannot we have a woman street inspector? Our market inspector does pretty well for a woman! Don't you think so, Mr. Mayor?

with well-selected subjects for study, and it is pleasing to find two afternoons given to the consideration of political economy, a study which woman especially after seeing it work would expect to see something more than a youth. Yet he is little more than that. He is fresh from his European studies and has all the enthusiasm of youth with much of the conception and appreciation of an older man. He began to study art as a mere boy of 15 with competent

In view of the fact that an alien population which is but 1.3 per cent of the whole population supplies 13 per cent of the population of insane and charitable institutions of the United States, it might be a profitable as well as an interesting study for clubwomen if the immigration question were put in this winter's club calendar.

The program is broad and of well-selected subjects. Shakespeare gets a liberal member of afternoons, and the method of study is rather a departure from the usual way of devoting an afternoon to one play. We find, for instance, in one afternoon, "The Villains of Shakespeare." The heroines of Shakespeare and "Talk on Shakespeare's Religion, and each subject treated by a different person. Several afternoons are devoted to art

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state, all at her own expense, arousing interest in the matter, and her correspondence on the subject for some years past, carried on at her own expense, has been voluminous. The bill which was passed was introduced by Senator T. M. Patterson last January. It creates a national park, which will become one of the great tourist goals of the country, like Yellowstone park. Suitable approaches to and accommodations at the ruins will be constructed. The ruins lie in the midst of the wildest and grandest scenery of the San Juan region, and are at present to be reached only on foot or horseback.

Landmarks Committee Is Beginning Active Work. One of the wide-awake, energetic members of the State Federation is Mrs. Elizabeth Lord of The Dalles, chairman of the landmarks committee. And what is the landmarks committee we hear some asking. To be sure, we have never had one in our State Federation before, but then we couldn't find the historical spots of Oregon, or we are beginning to grow into these good things, which, in other words, mean that we are enlarging our vision and finding new avenues of usefulness.

At present Mrs. Lord is in Astoria gathering material for her work in which she has succeeded in interesting a number of Astoria women, among them being Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, a president of the Woman's club of that city. Mrs. Ferguson has kindly consented to serve on the committee with Mrs. Lord, who expects to call her committee together in Portland sometime before the October convention.

It will be noted that the chairman of this committee not only gets busy herself, but has the faculty of getting others busy as well, which means that she has executive ability, and this is what is needed in our state work.

In the work of turning the tract into a national park Mrs. Lucy E. Peabody of Denver came to the front. Mrs. Peabody, who is the wife of Major W. S. Peabody, formerly of the regular army, was at one time an employe of the national bureau of ethnology. Thoroughly imbued with the traditions of that department, she never wavered in her determination to get the famous relics under the protection of the federal government. There was opposition to the plan from various sources, which delayed its consummation. Mrs. Peabody made two trips to Washington, another to St. Louis and a number through the

ing, said that the members did not go so far as she. They only hoped that women would have seats in the senate by right of suffrage. We shall look with interest for further reports of the meetings of this august assembly of the womanhood of the world. Its proceedings will mark an era in the progress of civilization.

Pure Food Questions Interesting Many Women. Mrs. Mary L. Wright, dairy commissioner of Colorado, participated in the annual convention of the National Pure Food association recently held in Hartford, Connecticut. She described "Cheese-Making in the Colorado Hi-mate."

Some Good Subjects For Many Prize Essays. The Florida State Federation of Clubs announces the subjects for prize essays. The prizes will be arranged during the next South Florida fair, to be held in Tampa in January. The subjects are as follows:

1. What the Woman's Club Means to Manhood.
2. What Shall Be Done With the Juvenile Offender?
3. The City Beautiful.
4. What of the Trees of Florida?
5. Our Feathered Friends.
6. Compulsory Education.
7. Traveling Libraries.
8. Child Labor.
9. The Value of Music in the Development of Character.
10. Traveling Art Galleries.

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Honored By Many Nations. A memorial service in honor of Susan B. Anthony was held on August 8 by the International Women Suffrage association in session in Copenhagen. Delegates from all parts of the world spoke in praise of Miss Anthony and her life work. One of the principal addresses of the session which followed was that of Miss Norda, a member of the municipal council of Christians, Norway, who dwelt on the excellent service rendered by women on juries in Norway.

AUGUST ALMOST AN IDEAL MONTH HERE. From a meteorological standpoint August was an ideal month, according to the summary published yesterday by the weather bureau. The mean temperature for the month was 63 degrees, while the average mean temperature for the month during the past 25 years is 64.4 degrees. The highest temperature was 88 degrees on the 11th, and the lowest 49 degrees on the 15th.

WILL MAKE TEST CASE OUT OF SALMON SUIT. Harrison Allen of Astoria, presenting attorney of Clatsop county, is in Portland in reference to the petition for habeas corpus proceedings instituted by Furi and Desirio, two Italians residing in California. A test case will be made of this suit, the Italians claiming that the Oregon law prohibiting all persons who have not lived in the state of Oregon for a certain period from fishing in the Columbia river is unconstitutional.

Special Eastern Excursion. On September 2 and 3 the Oregon State Federation of Clubs will carry the members of one of its branches to the state of California and Desirio, claiming that he is a citizen of the state of California and Desirio, claiming that he is a citizen of the state of Oregon, will carry the case to the supreme court of the United States if necessary to secure a favorable verdict.