

WOMAN'S WORLD.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CARING PROPERLY FOR BABY'S COLD.

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At this season the temperature is liable to fall many degrees in a few hours, and the Indian summer morning may be succeeded by wintry blasts at night. It is therefore very difficult to arrange the clothing of a little child so as to protect it properly from these sudden changes, and colds are almost inevitable. A baby's cold is often a very distressing matter to the mother. She knows how liable an apparently harmless cold is to become a fatal inflammation of the lungs. No cold of an infant should for a moment be neglected. See at once that the child is thoroughly protected by flannels, if it is not so already.

Notice especially that the feet are kept in warm, woolen socks or hose, which must be secured so that they cannot be kicked off. Greasing the baby's nose with a little mutton tallow and rubbing in a drop or two of camphor certainly relieves a cold in the head, although it is an old wife's remedy. If the baby shows any hoarseness lose not a moment, but lay on the chest a flannel cloth dipped in sweet oil, or rubbed thick with mutton tallow, over which a tablespoonful of camphor has been sprinkled. Heat this greased and camphorated cloth and apply it as hot as it can be borne, covering it with a piece of dry flannel to retain the heat and to keep it from greasing the child's clothing. Before this cloth is cold replace it by another hot one. After such treatment a child will often fall asleep and wake up entirely recovered.

If the hoarseness continues, however, or shows any signs of growing worse, a physician should be summoned at once, as moments of a baby's sickness are equivalent to hours in grown persons' illness. The strongest child requires the tenderest and most unremitting care to bring it through infancy strong and sound, without any organic weakness, which may develop in after years. When the child's cold settles in the bowels nothing is better than an application of flannels wrung out in hot liquor, laid over the stomach and abdomen, and covered with dry flannel.—New York Tribune.

A Home Society for Girls.

At last New York is to have a home—a free, respectable American home, where young women out of employment can find shelter, sympathy and substantial aid. The institution is to be the same sort of a place as a public school, with no more charity, religion, politics or restriction, and will be supported and maintained by the French Evangelical church of the city of New York. The certificate of incorporation has been filed in the county clerk's office and the work of establishment will begin at once, the board of managers including Mrs. Lena Roberts, Mrs. Caroline Leconte, Mrs. Marie Grosjean, Mrs. Emalie Swyffort, the Rev. H. L. Grandliener and Mr. J. E. Roberts.

The Young Women's Home society will provide unemployed young women whose occupation is that of a teacher, maid or domestic with a pleasant home and good board. Medical attendance will be furnished the sick, decent and comfortable clothing provided for the needy, together with financial aid, good counsel and friendly support and encouragement. The needs of the girl will be sufficient plea for admission, and, as in the regulation of a public hotel, good conduct will serve as a guarantee of good character. The catechising to which the applicant will be subjected is intended for industrial use only, in order to acquaint the examiner with her ability. Suitable and profitable employment will be found for her without any charges or fees whatever.

Intended to benefit the French girl directly, it is not decisive whether other nationalities will be debarred from the privileges of the home. There is some need in New York city for a dozen just such organizations as the Home society promises to be.—New York World.

The National Council of Women.

The National Council of Women of the United States, organized in the spring of 1888, will hold the first of its triennial meetings in February, 1891, in Albaugh's opera house, in Washington. It will last four days, including seven public sessions.

Eleven of the most important national organizations of women in the country have entered the council. As soon as any organization enters the council, its president becomes an acting vice president in the council, and it has also the right to appoint one person to represent it on the executive board. This board includes the general officers of the council, together with the presidents of all organizations belonging to it, and one delegate besides its president from every organization.

The corresponding secretary of the council, Mrs. May Wright Sewall, 848 North Pennsylvania street, Indianapolis, will gladly answer all inquiries addressed to her, and will see that every provision is made for the appropriate representation on the programme of all departments of work in whose prosecution the women of the country have effected national organizations.

It is hoped that women interested in women's work will respond to this call and give the aid necessary to render the first triennial meeting worthy of the objects in whose behalf the National Council was formed.—Kate Field's Washington.

The Women of Kansas.

There are hundreds of bright women and girls who have taken up claims in the western part of the state and lived on them until they got a deed for the land. There are hundreds of women in the state who manage to keep men depending on them from going hungry;

there are hundreds of women who can do anything a man can do, has ever done or ever tried to do, and there are hundreds of women in Kansas who want equal rights with men. The signs are that what they ask will be conceded them. They have taken charge of the public schools, and no state in the Union has better. They are members of school boards, county and city superintendents and teachers. They lead in the educational and prohibition movement.

They are making no noisy or threatening clamor for equal rights. They are simply showing by what they do that they are the equal of man and that the ballot in their hands would not only be safe, but wisely used for the betterment of the people and development of a state that is coming to the front with greater strides than any other in the Union.—Kansas Cor. Chicago Tribune.

Reading Browning in Massachusetts.

The most devoted and uncompromising worshippers of Robert Browning live in Springfield, and, of course, they are women. They gathered at the home of a well known lawyer, and listened with rapt and soulful attention to selections from the great poet as read by the lawyer's wife. At length the reader paused to learn if there might be any ennucci on the part of the audience. "It is exquisite," murmured the Brownings in concert, and the reading proceeded. Again the hostess paused, solicitous, and asked her guests if they were sure they liked it. "Oh, yes," was the chorus, "it is beautiful." "But do you understand it?" asked Mrs. Lawyer. "I can't make anything out of it." "Why, yes, we comprehend it perfectly," was the assurance, "and it is so delightful that we would like to hear some more." Then the wicked reader coolly informed the enthusiasts that she had been reading the poems backward for half an hour. The name of this practical joker may be learned on inquiry of almost any member of Springfield "society."—Springfield (Mass.) Homestead.

Women in Hotels.

"The most desperate creature on earth," said the clerk of a well known uptown hotel, "is a woman from out of town in a hotel bedroom on a wet Sunday. There is absolutely nothing to do, the confinement is almost intolerable, and the isolation of her lot is made unusually painful by the fact that so much is going on all around her from which she is debarred. Men come to town with their wives or daughters, leave them at 7 in the morning, and go off to attend to business. The ramifications and extraordinary character of the 'business' undertaken by rural visitors is one of those things which no man can accurately gauge. It is certain, however, that the western merchants are out of the hotel pretty much all the time from 8 in the morning till 13 at night. Sometimes they come in to take their meals with the women of their party, but not infrequently they leave them entirely to their own resources."—New York Letter.

A Pen Picture of a Well Known Woman.

One day last week a customer in one of the large Brooklyn dry goods stores stood waiting for her turn to be served and idly watching the woman who was claiming the attention of the clerk at the moment. There was nothing about her to attract a second glance. She looked to be close upon 60 years of age, her hair was very gray, though not white, and a pair of large, rather dark eyes looked out from a colorless, unimpressive face. In figure she was short and small, and the black costume she wore was simple to plainness. Yet when she gave her name and address for a parcel to be sent it was realized that this little woman of insignificant appearance was one whose name eighteen years ago was in everybody's mouth from one end of the country to the other, and whose personality at that time was almost as well known as her name. She was Mrs. Theodore Tilton.—New York Times.

Pullman's Pretty Daughters.

Two dashing young women these. They are the Misses Pullman, of the world. I say of the world, because, while their home is in Chicago, they know as many people in Boston, New York, London, Paris and Vienna as in the Lake city. They walk as erectly as grenadier guards. They are superbly dressed, but their clothing is not in any sense loud. They are both tall, being pretty nearly six feet in height; have rosy cheeks, clear skin and constitutions made strong by judicious work in the gymnasium. They are seen very often at the opera in this city, go to the theatre frequently and are known in many of the best houses on Fifth avenue. They spend their time at the Windsor hotel, and whenever they visit this city their society is eagerly sought by young men of the best families.—New York Cor. Chicago News.

Boston Women.

All the women of Boston do not wear gig lamps and calf shoes and carry broadcloth reticules bulging with manuscripts and leaflets of transcendental philosophy. Anna Whitney is the vice president of the St. Bernard club, of Massachusetts, and knows as much about dogology and dogdom as any breeder in the country. She can size up a dog at a glance. At the recent dog show in Detroit, Mich., Miss Whitney was one of the judges. As understood by this canine connoisseur, "Go to the dogs" is not a saw, but a proverb. Instead of a reproach, she claims the meaning has been distorted by abbreviation. "Go to the dogs for a lesson in patience, love, fidelity and sagacity" is her interpretation of the old adage.—Exchange.

A Yankee Girl's Device.

An amusing instance of woman's curiosity has come to our ears in connection with the visit of the Cleavelands to Sandwich. A young lady who is ordinarily a modest and ladylike school teacher became possessed of a burning desire to meet and converse with these distinguished visitors, and this is the unique way in which she brought about the meeting. As the party were being

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