WOMAN'S WORLD.

THE UNTROUBLED LIVES OF ARIS-TOCRATIC SCHOOL GIRLS.

mial Leaders in New York-The Wom en Voters of Boston-How to Save Plumbers' Bills-How Mrs. Custer Suffers-Mrs. Blaine to Write a Novel.

The most expensive young ladies' school in the country is near Philadelphis. Only the daughters of bonanza kings and railway magnates can afford to go to it; but it is not so very exclusive, even with such people as patrons.

Jay Cook's old mansion is turned into mitories-rather palatial, too-and the fine grounds are appropriated for hide-and-seek when the feminine Greek and Latin scholars feel so inclined. Once a month the young ladies are allowed the privilege of coming to New York or of going to Baltimore or whereever their wills lead them for a day's outing. Of course they are provided with one of the teachers as chaperon, and equally, of course, they behave them-The only thing needed for as much

fun as they have is money, and with that they are well provided. Last month's excursion was to New York. They left Philadelphia at 7 o'clock in the morning and landed in Jersey City at 9. They went directly out to the Metropolitan museum, and spent an hour or two examining all the treasures there. One o'clock sharp found them in a priwate room at Delmonico's partaking of a delicious little luncheon, which had been previously ordered; a little later they were at Daly's theatre absorbedly listening to Ada Rehan's last word; the matinee over, they leisurely betook emselves to the railway station, ate their dinners in the dining room car of the train that whirled them back to Philadelphia, and 9 o'clock found them all tucked up in their snow white beds dreaming of the next month's holiday,

all of thirty days away.

The school entertains all sorts of celebrities as they make their appearance in the neighboring Quaker city. Ellen Terry visited the girls when she was in this country, and although she never reads for anybody she did read for them. Privileges are accorded to them which are sometimes refused to others. They wanted to visit Mr. Walter's house in Baltimore, whose collection is as fine as that in many museums. They got permission and went there in a body.—New York Sun.

Social Leaders in New York.

Of the people who are likely to be brought forward this winter more prominently than ever before as social leaders in New York none will stand a better chance of success than the wife of ex-Secretary Whitney. She has already given a few breakfasts and dinners that have been attended by the best people here and in Washington, and she promises to give the Astors, the Vanderbilts, and the others a very lively chase in the matter of elaborate entertainments.

Mrs. Whitney is peculiarly fortunate in having a house to entertain in-a house built on a princely scale, filled with rare pictures and works of art, a veritable eum of treasure. And to these may be added a superb chef, a retinue of well drilled servants and a dining room ment which will save them if they have large enough to seat forty couples at din-

Mrs. Whitney is as clever a diplomat million a year, she may be depended five or six days and a fine growth will contest. One of her most intimate Triends at present is Mrs. Joseph Pulitand thus forces the sluggish sap into zer, the wife of the owner of The World, vigorous circulation, and when that is who is also likely to be heard of during the winter as an extensive entertainer. Mrs. Pulitzer is a singularly attractive graph. woman, a delightful conversationist and as charming a friend as one need have. -New York Letter.

The Women Voters of Boston,

The action of 7,918 women voters of Boston and its results show the efficiency of women as a factor in our municipal politics. In an election where the Democrats carried their mayor by 12,000 majority, with two-thirds of the council and board of aldermen, not a single person was elected a member of the school committee who was not nominated and supported by some organized body of women. The independent women voters nominated eight candidates and elected four of them, no one of whom had the Democratic nomination.

The Public School union also nominated eight candidates and elected four. Last, but not least, Mrs. Emily A. Fifield, the only woman nominated by any party, received a larger vote and a larger majority by 2,000 than any other candidate, although not nominated by the Democrats. The unparalleled fidelity of the women voters is shown by the fact that out of 7,918 registered women over 7,800 are known to have voted, with good reasons found for the few absentees. prominent Republican politician said: "You ladies can account for your absentees. We cannot account for ours." A picturesque incident was the voting of twenty-five old ladies in Ward 9, one 90 .- Woman's Journal.

How to Save Plumber's Bills. Directly it begins to freeze there is a emand on plumbers to open frozen pipes. It is strange that in nineteen cases out of twenty it is the escape pipe from the sink, and not the supply pipe, that freezes, although the latter is always full of water. Why is it? Simply be-cause pipes indoors seldom freeze and more than half the time the escape pipe is blocked with rubbish. The bend is generally half full of fragments which have been forced through the trap holes. Then when it gets very cold the greasy water that is poured down settles quick-ly, and the whole becomes a congealed mass, which is only tightened by attempts to force water through it.

Boiling water, in which as much sal oda as it will take has been dissolved, came up to the hips. The two darlings

should be poured down, or if the pipe is full of cold water the next best thing is to get as much soda into it as possible. This will soften the mass below and make it as soluble as soap, and in a few hours all will pass away. This beats trying to thaw out a lead pipe with a red hot poker, which process is equivalent to killing a man to avoid hurting him. A lead pipe will melt under such circumstances before enough heat can be got through it to dissolve ice if there is any there.-Interview in St. Louis Globe-

Salaries of Housekeepers "The best paid women in New York city or any other large city," said a leading employment bureau proprietor to me yesterday, "are the first class competent housekeepers. There are few women who are really competent to take charge of households like the Vanderbilts, the Astors, and so on, who are willing to undertake it The competent woman has had a large house of her own at some stage of her life and has lost her fortune. She prefers to make her living in some other way than housekeeping, because it seems to her a loss of

"In England women are bred to the profession of housekeepers, just as they are taught to be cooks, housemaids, lady's maids and so on. Here housekeepers are housekeepers by chance more than anything else. That is the reason why big salaries are paid to really competent women. I know one such woman who enjoys a salary of \$3,000 a year, has her separate table and a servant to run her errands. It is not infrequently that salaries of \$2,000 to \$2,500 are paid."-New York Press. .

Miss Margaret Elliott.

In Mr. Warren's All Souls' choir there are some distinguished singers, chief among whom are Miss Margaret H. Elliott, the solo soprano, and Mr. Perry Averill, the baritone. Miss Elliott is already quite well known in New York both as a concert and "society" singer. She has been in this city only a year, having recently returned from a two years' course of instruction under the famous teacher, Mme. Marchesi, and it is to her schooling that she owes much that is beautiful in her art. Miss Elliott during her long stay in Paris became Standard. very well known among the members of the lively American colony in the world's capital, and often sang at the houses of Mrs. Pell, Mme. Sulsemeyer and Miss Fanny Reed. Her Parisian success has followed her to New York. During the last summer season she attracted general attention by the beauty of her voice and face and the artistic quality of her work. She has won several notable triumphs. She sang at all of Miss Leary's celebrated "Thursdays," first at Bar Harbor and later on at Lenox.—New York Herald.

House Plants. Many plants taken up this fall and potted for display indoors during winter will show the want of skill in the gardener by drooping, by change of color of leaves, and by other signs of slowly dying. When plants get to that stage nothing will restore them but heroic treatment, as none but a gardener can restore them, and as gardeners do not hang around our houses, to be at hand in such emergencies, and as the plants will die at any rate, we will give a treatnot gone too far.

Heat water up to about 110 degrees, and with it water the plants as usual; as was Talleyrand, and with a fortune next day use water up to 125 degrees, at brings her an income of half a next day up to 150 degrees; pursue this upon to more than hold her own in the result. The rationale is that the hot water expands the sap and sap channels vigorous circulation, and when that is established the plant only requires common attention.-Germantown Tele-

> How Mrs. Custer Suffers. Mrs. Custer is one of the most widely sought women in New York society. Though by no means a society woman, and permanently saddened by the death of the general, she frequently yields to the importunities of friends and goes forth to become the life and soul of the circle that she chooses to enter. Two classes of society hold out welcoming hands to this gifted lady; the literary world, on account of the excellent books that she has added to their libraries, and the social world, because her name and family entitle her to enter its domains.

It is said that Mrs. Custer suffers acutely in writing of her own and her husband's war experiences. Each pen stroke brings back the past as vividly as if days, and not years, had intervened between it and the present. After an evening of such scenes with her dead hero and love, Mrs. Custer retires to her room to walk the floor till morning light.-New York World. .

Mrs. Blaine to Write a Novel. An intimate friend of Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., told me yesterday that this unfortunate young woman, who has seen so much trouble, was trying her hand at authorship, and that a novel from her may be looked for within the next two months. Young Mrs. Blaine has had a good education, has traveled and read a after another, of ages ranging from 65 to good deal, and I am told that writing comes very easily to her. As the public knows, the young woman's circum-stances are not of the brightest, she being still confined to her room, and if she makes a profit of her literary venture it will be a most welcome one. At any rate, I understand she is going to try it, and if she misses her goal it will simply be an expenditure of time, and "of that," as she herself says with a deep sigh, "I have so much, so much."—Ed-ward W. Bok's Letter.

> Leggins Are Too Cumbersome Those undressed kid leggins which button up so prettily over the knees of the spoiled boy darlings are very fash-ionable and make the little fellows look so swell, you know. I saw two little fellows come out of a Murray hill mansion wearing tan colored leggins that almost

walked with most aristocratic languor J. M. HUNTINGTON & CO and apparent insensibility of the pleasures of life until around the corner "Let's get these plaguy things off and

have some fun," said one. In a trice the unwieldy leggins were hanging on a fence, and the two aristocratic darlings were only two jolly little boys, playing tag and shricking with laughter as they chased one another up and down the sidewalk. By and by nurse appeared on the scene, grabbed the leggins and led the two tiny culprits home looking as unhappy as possible for two healthy little boys. It cannot be that the two darlings got a plebeian spanking.—New York Telegram.

Brilliant Women Wanted.

The interest and discussion which Mrs. John Sherwood's delightful paper on "The Salon and Its American Possibilities" have evoked, hazards the prophecy that society may take the matter seriously in hand when the pedigree fever has somewhat abated. Mrs. Sherwood puts the case very clearly. American women are equal to the task if they will rid themselves of the groveling toys, the selfish and sordid ambitions which now debase them. Their wit, tact and intelligence, she urges, are undisputed. More perseverance in study and less pursuit of gilded follies would bring them to their birthright of brilliant intellectual leadership. Who will be the immortal twenty to band together to establish "a salon for the purification and organization of American society?"-Her Point of View in New York Times.

Empress Elizabeth at Corfu. Before leaving Corfu the Austrian empress stated that on the completion of the beautiful villa she is having erected there her majesty and the emperor of Austria, with their daughter, the Archduchess Marie Valerie, intended to pay a visit to the island. The Empress Eliza beth finds the climate of Corfu agreer with her better than that of any other place. The empress, who appears to be recovering from the effects of the terrible calamity that befell her in the loss of her son, the Crown Prince Rudolph, has been diligently studying Greek, and astonishes every one with the fluency with which she can already converse in the language. - Athens Cor. London

Energetic Women. Mrs. Douglas Gordon, Mrs. Henry Winter Davis and Miss Mary Garrett, who were mainly instrumental in securing the sum of money which is to open the medical school of Johns Hopkins uni versity to women, are now laboring to raise the half million endowment fund which is necessary to the practical suc-cess of the new scheme. Women are working so generously and wisely all over the south for the higher education of women that northern colleges must look to their ways or suffer in the comparison.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Health of the Queen.

There is not the slightest foundation for the story which has been going round the papers that "the queen's health is the cause of some anxiety in the inner circles of the court." The queen is perfectly well, and has driven out every afternoon since her arrival at Windsor, even on the coldest days. It is only nat ural that the queen should not be quite so robust and active as she was twenty years ago, but she is in excellent health. London Truth.

Kate Upson Clark, of Brooklyn, is the Evening Post, and the daughter of Edwin Upson, just deceased. Mr. Upson in 1856 was a member of the firm of publishers who were driven out of Mobile, Ala., for selling one copy of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and the "Life of Frederick Douglass."-Writer.

Mrs. Pering, who has been elected to the office of road overseer in Kansas, is a wide awake woman with snapping black eyes and determined mien. "When she has occasion to say 'No' her voice can be heard a mile away," says a correspondent.

Miss Annie Baxter was elected county clerk of Jasper county, Mo., at the regular election, and Mrs. Caroline Le Comte, of Columbia, has been appointed state librarian by Governor Tillman, of South Carolina. The world moves.

Miss Flora E. Powers, stenographer to the attorney general, is said to be one of the most indefatigable workers at the capital, frequently working far into the night in a stress of business, not absenting herself on Sunday.

A watch in accordance with feminine fancy is in the form of a rose with pearl colored leaves, the dial forming the center of the rose. This swings from a chatelaine of pearl set chains.

In Ireland women tailors used to so monopolize the trade that men tailors were unknown, but of late one or two men have been allowed to enter into competition with the women.

The Pratt institute, in Brooklyn, N.Y., is to have a large annex devoted to women students. The cost of the building will be about \$175,000, and the work on it will be begun next spring.

Miss Elizabeth Cotesworth is about organizing a co-operative company of English gentlewomen for the raising of fruits and vegetables, to be delivered directly to the consumers.

Mrs. Bennet Edwards, the authoress has made a donation of \$5,000 to Gen. Booth to further his scheme for the re generation of "Darkest England."

Mrs. Polly Holmes, aged 90 years, of Cape Cod, Mass., has knitted two woolen skirts since her birthday in August and has nearly completed a third.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher has numerous offers for a life of the gifted preacher, but her health is too poor to permit of

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