

FRENCH WOMEN OF BUSINESS.

Fortunes Made by Some of Them—Mesdames Boucicault and Coquelin.

The Frenchwoman, unlike her English sister, has, as a rule, a very good business education. In the common schools, says the Chicago Herald, she has been taught household book-keeping and has been given lessons in purchasing and useful expenditure. As a wife, she is expected generally to help her husband in his business, and sometimes she manages it entirely for him. In the small stores she acts as clerk for him and in the larger ones she is an equal partner. The Bon Marche was made famous by Mme. Boucicault, who helped her husband found and maintain the establishment, and after his death she took entire charge of it. Her system was one of so much kindness and consideration toward her employes that they called her "the Lady of the Bon Marche," and looked upon her as almost a saint. She was very prosperous in the business, and associated with herself as stockholders the chiefs of the various departments who had been faithful in their service, that they might share in the profits. Then she wished to include as many of the other employes as possible, so she ceded a part of her shares to a common fund subject to their purchase. In her will she left the rest of her shares to the stockholders. She also gave one million dollars of her own private fortune for a pension fund for those of the employes who from age or illness were unable longer to work. There are many other large establishments in Paris managed by women. Mme. Coquelin, it is said, invests all her husband's money for him, and many of the wives of the artists manage the selling and exhibition of their husbands' works, and attend to the collecting and paying of debts, obtain orders and call upon the newspaper men, doing all of the necessary work to make their husbands' artistic efforts profitable.

FASHION NOTES.

In five o'clock tea no two cups and saucers should be alike.

A girl's coat of red cloth is trimmed with gold and black braid.

BUTTERFLY bows with aigrettes suggesting antennae are among some of the most approved hat and bonnet trimmings.

It is said that five hundred persons worked for ten days on the beautiful lace bridal veil of Princess Margarethe of Persia. It was made at Hirschberg, Silesia.

STICK-PINS are shown in every imaginable style, from the plainest and most inexpensive to the elegant and elaborate, some of them being of enormous value from some very expensive stone either set singly or surrounded by smaller ones.

California's Big Trees.

The vandal woodcutters in the California sequoia forests used to cut the trees at a distance of from a dozen to twenty feet above the ground in order to avoid the gnarled and knotted base. But it has lately been found that these stumps are as valuable as the straight wood. The gnarls present most beautiful figurings and the wood is sawn into thin sheets and used for interior decorations. Now, these stumps are being dug out, and soon not even a vestige will remain to show what was the appearance of some of the most majestic natural monuments of this wonderful continent.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

At the head of the gulf of Bothnia there is a mountain on the summit of which the sun shines perpetually during the five days June 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

There is a certain island in the Baltic sea to whose inhabitants the body of the sun is clearly visible in the morning before he arises, and likewise in the evening after he is set.

The central Sahara registers a mean of 97 degrees in July. Central Australia boasts of 94 degrees in January—a mean which is attained in South Carolina and inner Arabia in midsummer.

There is a certain village in the kingdom of Naples situated in a very low valley, and yet the sun is nearer to the inhabitants thereof every noon by 3,000 miles than when he riseth or setteth to those of the said village.

WELL UP IN YEARS.

MRS. NANCY A. OWEN, of Ithaca, N. Y., has just celebrated the 101st anniversary of her birth.

A LONG married couple dwell contentedly in Biddeford, Me. They are Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Landry and they were married seventy years ago. His age is ninety-six, and hers ten years younger.

ALVINZA HAYWARD, one of the earliest of the gold millionaires of California, is very old and feeble now. He is worth probably \$20,000,000 or more, but has dropped completely out of sight behind the new bonanzaists.

MR. AND MRS. IRA WARD, of New Haven, Vt., who recently celebrated their diamond wedding, have had ten children, seventeen grandchildren, and nearly twenty-four great-grandchildren, nearly all of whom are living.

THE Society of the War of 1812, which was chartered in Philadelphia recently, numbers fifty-five members, of which David McCoy, of San Bernardino, Cal., 102 years of age, is probably the oldest. Another very old member is Abraham Daily, of Brooklyn, who sees without glasses at 97.

AN interesting old man who is living near Woodville, in Rappahannock county, W. Va., is J. W. Yancey, now in his 90th year. Mr. Yancey taught reading, writing and arithmetic to Alexander H. Stevens, and he was one of the young men who composed Lafayette's escort in 1824.

NATHANIEL S. BARRY, of Bristol, N. H., is said to be the oldest living governor of a state in the United States. If he survives until September 1, 1896, he will be a centenarian. He was a boy of very humble parentage, became a tanner, as Gen. Grant did, and in 1861 was elected governor of New Hampshire.

PRETTY FASHIONS.

SLIPPERS laced with ribbon to imitate a sandal effect are worn with empire gowns.

A HARP of crimson wood berries set against a bank of moss was a recent beautiful church decoration.

CINNAMON is the favorite brown this year. It looks particularly well trimmed with fur or smartened up with a colored waistcoat.

PLAID sleeves with revers to match are very fashionable just now, and may be worn with either green or blue cloth or even black.

ROSE-COLORED veils are suggested as becoming for winter wear, adding one more to the long list of colors permissible nowadays in face coverings.

WOMEN will do well to substitute some other neckwear than feather boas to wear in high winds. A strong breeze makes them "moult" disastrously.

It is a favorite fad just now to cover a book with a scrap of brocaded silk, sometimes padding it by a layer of cotton wadding underneath. Two ribbons are attached to opposite sides by which to tie it together, and a dainty gift is formed which is inexpensive, but rich in appearance.

The Congo's Deep Mouth.

The London Society of Telegraph Engineers and Electricians have been making soundings along the coast of Africa with a view of laying a cable from England to Cape Town. At the mouth of the Congo they found a remarkable state of affairs, their maps and soundings showing that that river's mouth is an extraordinary marine gully of no less depth than fourteen hundred and fifty-two feet! The mouth of the Mississippi at an equal distance from shore would only show thirty-three feet and the Thames forty feet. The Congo's incredible depths were traced for more than one hundred miles out at sea.

A Too "Fresh" Conductor.

"Where are you going, aunty?" asked a conductor on one of the incoming trains Saturday, of an elderly lady passenger.

The lady looked at him indignantly and the conductor stammered out: "You know that we always call elderly ladies 'aunty' out here."

"If you do," said the lady, severely, "you are very ill-bred and the railway company ought to employ men who know better."

REAL ESTATE

FOR BARGAINS IN FARM OR CITY PROPERTY CALL ON OR ADDRESS

THE LANE COUNTY LAND & LOAN CO., EUGENE, OREGON.

Read carefully the following affidavits by prominent citizens regarding Florence property, now on the market at wonderfully reduced prices:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby certify that I was the original owner of the property known as Frasier and Berry's part of Florence, which E. J. Frasier is now offering for sale. That the same is level and free from sand. That fruit trees and shrubbery do well upon said land and the same is desirable for residence property.

J. G. STEVENSON,

SEAL

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of March, 1892. JOSEPH A. MORRIS, Notary Public.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Being first duly sworn I depose and say: That I have been a resident of Florence, Lane County, Oregon, for the past twelve years; that I am familiar and well acquainted with the property known as "Frasier and Berry's part of Florence," that the same is admirably suited for residence property, being perfectly level and free from sand. That fruit trees and shrubbery grow well in the soil and that pure well water is found on the same at a depth of from ten to fifteen feet.

JOSEPH A. MORRIS, Merchant.

SEAL

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 1892. L. BILYRU, Notary Public.

A Prize Picture Puzzle.

EXPLANATION.—The following picture contains four faces, a man and his three daughters. Any one can find the man's face, but it is not so easy to distinguish the faces of the three young ladies. The picture was published in a few newspapers some time ago, and attracted considerable attention to our standard remedies. We now offer a new prize competition in connection with it. As the sole object is to introduce our medicines into new homes, those who entered the former competition are requested not to compete in this one. As to the reliability of "The Ford Pill Co.," and the estimation in which their medicines are held in Toronto, Canada, where they are best known, patrons are referred to the daily newspapers, wholesale druggists and leading business houses generally of Toronto.



The proprietors of "The Ford Pill Co.," will give an elegant pair of Shetland Ponies, Carriage and Harness, valued at \$300, (delivered free in any part of the United States, to the first person who can make out the three daughters' faces. To the second will be given an elegant Lady's Gold Watch, set in sapphires and diamonds. To the third will be given a pair of genuine Diamond Ear-rings. To the fourth will be given a handsome China Dinner Service. To the fifth will be given a Kodak Camera. To the sixth, a Swiss Musio Box. To the seventh, a French Mantel Clock. To the eighth, an elegant Banquet Lamp. To the ninth, a pair of Crown Derby Vases. To the tenth, a complete Lawn Tennis Set, and many other prizes in order of merit. Every competitor must cut out the above "Prize Picture," distinguish the three girls' faces by marking a cross with a lead pencil on each, and enclose same with 25 U. S. ten-cent stamps for one of the following "Prize Remedies":—"Ford's Prizé Pills," "Ford's Prizé Catarrh Remedy," or "Ford's Prizé Cough Cure." Select any one of the above remedies you desire. Address "The Ford Pill Co.," Cor. Wellington & Bay Sts., Toronto, Canada. The person whose envelope is postmarked first will be awarded the first prize, and the others in order of merit. As this advertisement appears simultaneously throughout the United States, every one has an equal opportunity. To the person sending the first correct answer will be given an elegant Upright Concert Grand Piano, valued at \$500.00. To the first person from the last sending a correct answer will be given a gentleman's fine Gold "Sandoz" Watch, which strikes the hours and quarter hours on small cathedral gong at pleasure, and valued at \$300.00. To the second from the last, a first-class Safety Bicycle, pneumatic tire. To the third from the last, a first-class English Shot-gun. To the fourth from the last, a suite of Parlor Furniture. To the fifth from the last, a handsome Silver Tea Service. To the sixth from the last, an elegant Piano Lamp. To the seventh from the last, a handsome pair of Portieres. To the eighth from the last, a genuine English leather travelling Trunk. To the ninth from the last, two pieces of genuine French Statuary, and many other prizes in order of merit.

SPECIAL PRIZES FOR EACH STATE.

A special prize of a Silk Dress Pattern (sixteen yards, any color), or a first-class Sewing Machine (any make desired) will be given to the first person in each State in the U. S. who can make out the three daughters' faces. We shall give away 200 valuable prizes, besides special prizes, (if there should be so many sending correct answers.) No charge is made for boxing and packing of prizes. The names of the leading prize winners will be published in connection with our advertisement in leading newspapers next month. Extra premiums will be given to only those who are willing to assist in introducing our medicines. Nothing is charged for the prizes in any way. They are absolutely given away to introduce and advertise "Ford's Prizé Remedies," which are standard and medicines, and will be used in every family for years where they have been once introduced. All prizes will be awarded strictly in order of merit, and with perfect satisfaction to the public. The remedies will be sent by mail, postpaid, and prizes free of duty.

A WATCH FOR EVERY CORRECT ANSWER.

An extra premium of a genuine "Fearless" Watch, (stem winder,) will be awarded to every person who sends a correct answer within 30 days after this advertisement appears, in case they should not be fortunate enough to secure one of the larger prizes. That is, if any one can find the three faces and enclose them within 30 days from the time this advertisement appears in the newspaper, they are guaranteed either one of the leading prizes, or an extra premium of a watch on conditions stated. No answer will be marked that does not contain 30 cents for one of Ford's Prizé Remedies. Address THE FORD PILL CO., "37," Cor. Wellington & Bay Sts., Toronto, Canada.