

Where The Danger Lies.

Twenty-five years ago there was but one complaint made about the American girl. She possessed a pretty face. She was interesting. She was stylish. She was vivacious. She was witty. She was affectionate. She was everything but strong.

Indeed, she was the reverse of strong. Her pretty face and her very charms of head and heart only served to accentuate the fact that she was physically frail. She scarcely reached full bloom before she began to fade.

Now the complaint is that she is getting too strong. The pendulum is said to have swung too far the other way. She puts the shot, jumps the bar, punches the bag, kicks the ball, spars, fences, bunts and golfs. She is becoming so muscular that man passes before trusting his future in her sinewy hands.

President Eliot, of Harvard, thinks that women are injuring themselves by violent exercise, but, of course, he has Boston women in mind. "Women," he says, "were not originally intended for such violent exercise as man, and some of the things that they go into must strain them. For women to put the shot is preposterous. There may be women living who are made in such a strange and unnatural way that it is not injurious for them to put the shot, but for the majority of women it would be enough to hurt them for life.

"Boating, also," he says, "is bad for women. Women's colleges do not have crews to any great extent, but women who do go into it will not last long in their athletic life. Women's athletics are a good thing in moderation, but for them to try to do all that their brothers do is a mistake. They can never attain to what the men are doing and will only hurt themselves in the attempt."

What the women are doing in the way of athletics may not, perhaps, be increasing their feminine charms, but we do not find hereabouts that that the exercise they are taking is hurting them. The only danger is that it may hurt the men who compete with them in the various walks of life.

The average young man of the period is not fit, of course, to enter into competition with women who put the shot. He is naturally averse to mingling unattended and unprotected among girls who are so much stronger than himself. If he had not had the advantages of his sisters in athletics, it cannot be wondered at that he is timorous in their presence and in constant dread lest they may toss him in the air.

In the West, this is where the danger lies. The athletic young women of these parts are not injuring themselves, apparently, but unless something is done to restore the physical inequality of the sexes, either by checking the athletic young women, or giving the fragile young men a larger opportunity for gymnastics, it may happen that the latter in time will be deterred through fear of personal injury from suggesting marriage to young women of the superior kind.—Evening Telegram

Found a Cure for Indigestion

I used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for indigestion and find that they suit my case better than any dyspepsia remedy I have ever tried and I have used many different remedies. I am nearly fifty-one years of age and have suffered a great deal from indigestion. I can eat almost anything I want to now. Geo. W. Emory, Rock Mills, Ala. For sale by R. S. Knowlton.

Bartholomew-March Wedding.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Maury was beautifully decorated in green and white for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Lucy March, to Mr. Walter E. Bartholomew, of Washington, New Year's eve, at 7 o'clock, when Rev. John J. Handaker pronounced them husband and wife. The bride's gown was of cream mull, trimmed with batiste and applique. Orange blossoms and a shower bouquet of white roses completed her adornment.

After the ceremony a dainty luncheon was enjoyed by the guests. Those present were the immediate family of Miss March, and the relatives of Mr. Bartholomew. The well chosen presents were of silver and china. Mrs. Bartholomew is continuing her school which she began as Miss March, and Mr. Bartholomew has returned to attend to business affairs in Washington.

The next evening Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chase entertained in honor of the bridal couple. Instrumental and vocal music and dainty refreshments added to the pleasure of the evening.

Eastern and home cured ham and bacon at Rays. Cranberries at Kanematz's.

Big Fire in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Five hundred and seventy-one dead bodies were taken from the Iroquois Theatre as a result of the most terrible disaster Chicago has seen since the great fire in 1871.

More than 250 injured persons were taken from the building and sent to their homes or to the hospitals.

The fire, which damaged Chicago's newest theatre, broke out at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon, just after the curtain went up for the second act.

A fuse blew out from the attachments of a row of spot lights situated in the first entrance, back of the proscenium and the sparks ignited a gauze strip behind the grand drapery.

The cadets were singing and marching and the auditorium of the house was crowded with more than 2,100 people, according to the house officials.

Before the curtain arose on the second act, the aisles were all cleared, but the back of the house was packed with standing people.

Just as the number closed sparks were seen to drop from above the proscenium opening to the stage. The fire curtain started to come down, but stopped about half way. The audience began talking loudly and was in an uproar in a moment. The strings of sparks could be seen falling upon the stage and the performers fled hastily from view.

For a few seconds the immense audience was left alone and uninformed as to what was happening. The noise of the talking began to be broken by screams. Eddie Foy stepped before the half-closed proscenium opening. Wildly gesticulating, he tried to tell the audience to move slowly. The wildest kind of a panic existed and not a word he said could be heard.

In the mean time the fire had spread to the grand drapery, and from there to the fly gallery. The stage loft was a mass of seething flames. It was not more than three minutes from the time the first sparks dropped to the stage that the draught started to pull the smoke and heat down under the fire curtain and into the auditorium.

In an instant every inflammable particle in the auditorium was ablaze. Then the lights all over the house went out. From that moment there occurred a scene that is beyond description. In total darkness, the smoke suffocating, and the only light being the faint glimmer at the exits, nine hundred people fought, screamed, kicked and struck at each other.

For full ten minutes the awful stampede continued, in the darkness and smoke. Women, children and a few men clawed and fought to get near the exits.

With such terrible force did the crowds break for the exits that when the firemen came into the upper floors of the front of the house they found the doors choked to the upper sills with bodies—some alive, but mostly dead.

The Sacajawea Statue.

Mrs. Sarah J. Evans, Secretary of the Sacajawea Statue Association, has drafted for publication the following logical statement, giving the reasons why the women of the northwest should erect a statue to the heroine of the Lewis and Clark expedition:

First—Sacajawea was the only woman to accompany the Lewis and Clark expedition. Second—She was their guide and interpreter. Third—She protected them when threatened by hostile Indians. Fourth—She procured for them food and horses when destitute of both. Fifth—She saved their journals and valuable papers at the risk of her own life.

Sixth—She was the only one of the party who received no pecuniary compensation for her services. Seventh—While enduring hardships and suffering, she administered to the necessities of others. Eighth—She welcomed with intelligent appreciation the civilization of the white race. Ninth—Over a million dollars will be spent in honoring the memory of the heroes of the Lewis and Clark party and not a cent of it has been appropriated to the only heroine.

Tenth—She was the first pioneer mother to cross the Rocky Mountains and carry her baby into the Oregon territory.

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Little Hope For Peace.

London, Jan. 1.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister here, has been informed from Paris that Russia has decided not to grant the Japanese proposals. This is the first intimation any one here admits receiving regarding the Russian reply. The Baron said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"If information from Paris is borne out by the wording of the Russian reply, and if the Japanese government adheres to its present determination, there seems to be small possibility of averting war."

The British foreign office is unable to confirm or deny Baron Hayashi's information. The officials, however, say they are not surprised at the tenor of his advice. The foreign office seems inclined to think that Russia will, if possible, avoid making a reply of any kind to the last Japanese note.

"My information from Paris," said the Minister of Japan, "is not official, but it was information imparted by the British government and it is probably correct. If Chancellor von Bulow's information that Russia's reply will be framed in a manner intended to satisfy Japan, turns out correct, it will be better news than I have dared to hope for."

It was learned that Japan has secured a large additional amount of coal in the name of an English shipping firm sending vessels to the Far East.

The St. James Gazette says it understands that the Japanese government has taken over two vessels of the Nippon line for use as hospital ships.

Presbyterian Church.

The services for the week are as follows: Thursday 7:30 p. m. prayer meeting, subject, the Sunday school lesson for next Sunday. The young people's choir will meet on Saturday evening instead of Friday (on account of the Academy Lecture) at the home of Rev. Adolph Haberly. The Sunday school, preaching services and young people's meeting will be held at the usual hours next Sunday. Rev. Dr. Milligan of Portland will help the pastor in a series of evangelistic meetings sometimes in February. Further announcements will be made later. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to all our services. Strangers and visitors in our city are always welcome.

Christian Church Notes.

The minister will preach at Myrtle Point next Sunday. Tuesday, the Bersans meet at Miss Ray's; Wednesday night, prayer meeting; Thursday 2 p. m. C. W. B. M. at the church; 8:30 P. M. Programme in Masonic Hall; Friday choir rehearsal.

If you got the wrong umbrella Sunday evening please return it to R. B. Ray's, and get your own. Joel Patterson, Jr. is chief of police for this week. The Sunday school showed a net gain of 25 in average attendance for December over November.

And now it is to be a Junior Bersan club, for the boys. J. D. Beuhm is looking after Home Department interests at Fairview.

The annual meeting Dec 31 from the opening hymn to the closing prayer was marked by hearty good will and earnest purpose to plan and to execute great things. The treasurer's report showed the Church practically clear of debt. The Chairman of the official board reported the church in better spiritual conditions than for some time. The Y. P. S. C. E., reported \$33 on hand for painting the church and an improved tone in the meetings. The S. S. showed an average attendance for the year, of 53, the minimum being 23 and maximum 90. Six have united with the church from the school. The Ladies Aid Society is forming and making broad plans for next year work. The auxiliary of the Christian Woman's Board of missions has experienced a healthy growth and is executing plans for large work.

The official Board submitted an outline of work for the future which was enthusiastically adopted. Informal discussions, and refreshments occupied the time until the New Year when at a short praise service, one made confession of his faith in Christ and was baptized Sunday.

The following officers were elected: elders; E. A. Howey, R. B. Ray, Joel Patterson; deacons, O. F. Rohrer, J. O. Farmer, L. P. Maury. Clerk, Jay Mulkey; Treasurer, Mrs. Steel; organist, Maud Ray. S. S. Sup't, R. B. Ray; Secretary, Jay Mulkey; Treasure, Cora Burns; Organist, Maud Ray.

The steamer, J. Warren, will make regular trips between Gravel Ford and Myrtle Point on Wednesday of each week. I will not be responsible for by-freight after it is put off the boat. CAPT. J. M. BRIGHT.

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C. C. A. Notes. Over forty students appeared at the Academy Monday morning. For want of teaching force we have been compelled to throw out the primary grade, which, for the time, will lower our enrollment by a few names. Miss James, who assisted in primary work and heard some of the advanced classes, takes her departure for California this week.

Already our program is well arranged and we are on full work. New work in physiology is taken up, and a few other lines will likely be introduced during the term. Some of our high school classes will soon be ready for examination. Our commercial class now numbers nine: It will likely go beyond the enrollment of last year which was only ten.

We hope to have Judge Holden in his place, at the Little church Friday night. If he fails on account of his throat, a substitute is promised.

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Parkersburg Items.

Since the Xmas festivities Parkersburg has taken on a holiday appearance. Schooner Advance arrived 24th in tow of Triumph. Her advent was welcome, as wharf-room was at a premium, lumber being piled high in every direction.

Fog seems to have been, until of late, the order of the day, then a lifting of its density to allow ideal weather envelop our surroundings.

Our weather prophets predict an open winter, basing assertions upon the rule, extremes meet.

Let us hope that a higher order will prevail for the welfare of all.

Schooner Onward arrived 30th, having left San Francisco the 21st. Captain A. Thomas reports light south-east winds with smooth sea during trip. A social hop was given in the schoolhouse by the young people and proved a most enjoyable affair.

The advent of those who "go down to the sea in ships," seems to cast a halo of romance around the hearts of those who stay ashore. The fascination which rests with the sea, by its constant imbibing, clings to its followers. When, by invitation of the skipper we are ushered into his cabin and partake of the sailor's kindness and fare, how quickly the prosaic in life is left behind and the poetic in us responds to being. For imagination brings from the past the calms and storms, as from a dream, which the ship must in her course go through.

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