

WOMAN'S WORLD.

MARGHERITA OF ITALY IS A RECK- LESS SPENDTHRIFT.

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Margherita, widow of King Humbert, is the most interesting woman in Italy. She has been so for many years. She is intellectual, diplomatic and once was beautiful.

The intellectual ability of the queen has enabled her to read several volumes of essays and stories that have much more than a local reputation, and it is affirmed by those who know that each sentence in these writings is the queen's own personal work, an unusual quality in the literary efforts of royalty, says the Pittsburg Dispatch.

Yet, in spite of her majesty's rare judgment and brilliant mind, she has been guilty of several indiscretions that almost threatened the throne she has graced for a quarter of a century. And each indiscretion has been based on her reckless extravagance, the effect of which was only offset in the eyes of the Italian public by the bourgeois economy of the king.

The latest folly of which she has been guilty was called forth by her desire to emulate and excel the late Empress Elizabeth in the building of a summer palace. Elizabeth selected a Greek isle as her ideal location, but Margherita chose the charming Alpine hamlet of Gressoney, where she has



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caused to erect one of the most extravagant summer retreats, to be ready for its royal occupants early next year, and this at the inopportune moment when the finances of Italy were at their lowest ebb.

What this expenditure means in view of the sudden poverty of the Italian people and their struggle for existence amid grinding and degrading social conditions few who do not live in that country from year to year are not to another comprehend.

Margherita can lay claim no longer to the beauty that once distinguished her, although she is only 48 years of age and should be in her prime. She has become coarse in features and in a crowd would readily pass as a peasant. She has always enjoyed the distinction of being the most reckless financially of European sovereigns in regard to her personal attire, yet it is a fact she has scarcely ever worn anything but white. Recently she is said to have become convinced that her 170 pounds of stoutness made her rather too heavy to indulge in that youthful dress. It is related in this connection that, having confided her fears on the subject to the king, he replied gallantly by having forwarded to her from Paris a box of newly fashioned and magnificent robes, all of them in white. This courtesy restored Margherita's youth and spirits.

The queen is a generous liver, and, although she tried faithfully to imitate her husband's example and become a vegetarian, she failed signally in every such attempt.

Queen Helen Not Popular.

It is extremely doubtful whether Queen Helen, in spite of her undoubted beauty, will ever become so popular as her mother-in-law, the now widowed Queen Margherita. Cold and unademonstrative, reserved and taciturn rather than effusive, her qualities are calculated to appeal rather to the Piedmontese—highlanders like herself—than to the population of the rest of Italy.

There is no doubt that the disappointment freely and unkindly expressed by the newspapers of the peninsula regarding her failure to fulfill national expectations in the presentation to the kingdom of an heir to the throne has had the effect of raising a sort of barrier of antagonism between herself and the people of her adopted country.

She seems to feel that they resent her childlessness, while they, on the other hand, do not hesitate to express freely the disappointment of the dynasty whose hope which they had based upon the marriage.

Queen Margherita's popularity was a source of strength to her husband as a ruler. Even at the moment when, owing to the mistakes, domestic and foreign, of his ministers, he was most unpopular and reviled as "the Austrian colonel," she always remained an object of so much affection on the part of the people of every shade of political opinion that the field day was chosen in her honor as the emblem of a number of political societies, some of them, such as the Italian Irredent, being hostile alike to the government and to the king.

But for a queen to be popular in Italy it is necessary that she be of Italian birth and of Italian disposition, and neither the Montenegrin born Queen Helen nor yet the French born Duchess Helen of Aosta, who as wife of the heir apparent of the crown may eventually succeed her as queen, is ever likely to give the same amount of political support to her husband as Queen Margherita was able to furnish to the late King Humbert. Nor is it probable that she will ever share to the same degree as her mother-in-law the duties of her husband as a ruler. Humbert was notoriously influenced

in many matters by his consort, especially in connection with the triple alliance, which she induced him to join. But Queen Helen is completely dominated by her dimly intelligent husband, who, like so many small men, is far from capable to accept any advice or to brook any interference, even on the part of his wife, in his duties as a ruler.—New York Tribune.

Women and the Vote Boy.

In a leaflet called "A Plea For a Little Bit of Common Sense" Lida Calvert Obercham says regarding women's interest in politics: "You will find [speaking here of Kentucky] the best seats at every political speaking occupied by the flower-laden women, who hang entranced on the florid eloquence of a would be senator or governor; you will find women sitting up late to hear the returns from the various precincts, getting up early to possess themselves of the morning newspaper and actually losing sleep in the after-midnight hours, because of their anxiety over politics. But vote? No, a thousand times no! Never would they do such a degrading, unsexed, unwomanly thing!

"What would be thought of a man who professed intense interest in a political campaign, who went to all the meetings, who carried flowers to his favorite candidate, who sat up nights and got up mornings in his burning enthusiasm over politics, but who, when the final hour of the battle came, skulked back in his tent and refused to vote? Imagine such a man saying, 'No, I can't vote. I'm very much interested in politics, but I'm degrading and unsexed and unmanly to vote, and I won't do it.'

"When a woman is interested in church work, she reasonably and consistently joins a church, attends its various meetings and votes whenever she is allowed to do so. When she is interested in club work, she joins a club, and she votes there whenever there is an officer to be elected or a question to be decided. If she is interested in temperance work, she joins the Woman's Christian Temperance union, and there again she votes. If she is a King's Daughter or a Daughter of the American Revolution or a Colonial Dame, still she must vote, and she does vote in all of these organizations, without the slightest remonstrance about the burden of suffrage thus thrust upon her. Now, if she professes to be interested in politics, the only rational thing that is left for her to do is to join a suffrage association and insist on having the right to express her interest in politics by casting a vote."—Woman's Journal.

Young Women of Cuba.

There is an innate coquetry about a Cuban woman, says the Boston Transcript, that shows itself even in the least prominent of boys she ties. Her clothing is always dainty and is frequently adorned with the needlework of her own fingers. Her gown may be nothing to look at twice, but her linen is something exquisite, and no other people rival them in cleanliness. In many ways the Cuban woman of today promises much for the future, but there are now strongly marked limitations. For instance, she never before thought much about physical culture, and those people who are blessed with gray hair are strongly reminded of the American women of yore, with whom it was the proper thing to faint, and a waist that measured over 18 inches was a sort of continental mortification. That is just about where these dwellers of the tropics are now in the scale of physical perfection. Their muscles are flabby, their chests thin, and the splendid set-up of the American girl is never seen. They do not stand straight. It is not possible when they lace up their shoes to wear such thin shoes. In fact, they do not wear shoes as a rule, but a sort of little house slipper that is only indicated by a Turkish rug.

One of the first things they noticed was the walking shoe of the American girl. They shuddered at the thickness of the sole and exchanged confidences as to their being the ugliest things they ever saw, but this of walking have changed all this, and the Cuban girl who hasn't a pair of thick soled shoes will have them before she goes home.

It is no wonder that Cubans are as frail as they are, for no woman waits upon herself if she can help it. Even the teacher with the smallest salary has some one who goes to market for her and does everything that can be done. Generations of being waited upon have made indolence excusable.

A Nursery Table.

One of the latest contrivances for the newly arrived baby is a "nursery table," a most ingenious invention, dainty and attractive in every part. In this equipment are 27 articles, starting with a white enamel table two feet square, with glass top of the same dimensions. This table has a drawer, a folding leaf on the left, a sliding tray and a low shelf on the right, on which stands a portable white enameled refrigerator and pan for catching dripping water.

The feeding outfit is unique—one dozen four ounce flat glass cylindrical bottles and six bottles of the same glass measuring eight ounces and an aluminum wire tray for holding bottles to the number of 12. There is a small glass bowl, in which two nipples are ready for use. A glass scoop to measure out milk, sugar and a glass jar with aluminum top for holding the sugar. Two white jars are marked "Borax" and "Bi-Car. Soda." A quart bottle is marked "Lime-water" and another "Alcohol." A funnel and a long, narrow dipper to plunge into milk bottles and take up the top cream are in the same white metal, and so is the teaspoon and tablespoon and a double boiler. An alcohol lamp as well as a Bunsen burner, an asbestos mat and a box of safety matches insure safety and speed in preparing the infant's food night or day. One dozen and one nipples are in a box near at hand, and so are two flannel cosies, a pink and a blue one, to cover baby's bottle while feeding, that it may not be chilled. A case of sterilized cotton, six wash cloths, seven thin dish towels, a glass soap dish and a pail of waste water provide for the most rigid cleanliness. A glass for measuring out different quantities of milk and a quart pitcher in glass also complete this invaluable nursery table for the welfare of infants.

American Fashions.

A manufacturer of women's cloaks returned from the Paris exposition is quoted as saying that he received no hints whatever of value from the clothing exhibited there. The gowns were for the most part designs entirely too extravagant for the use of the average woman, and these average women are the most profitable customers of those who make women's dresses. According to him, the costly clothing made by the famous dressmakers of Paris is no longer the models of feminine styles. It is impossible for it to be imitated cheaply unless in tawdry stuff that will not wear well and that is too obviously an imitation. It is this that is responsible for the gradual breaking away of American women from the Paris styles. These latter are modified so much by the American dressmakers that they are practically American, with but few traces of their foreign origin. This is noticed by every woman who has been abroad recently. The American styles are different in many essential details, and chiefly in respects that commend themselves as common sense. While in elaborate ball or dinner costumes some women may cling to Parisian ideals, in walking or street dresses the notions of the majority of American women are followed. In fact, there is a tendency toward simplicity in walking costumes, due to the desire to avoid attracting attention that makes the average woman in a measure set the style for her more fashionable sisters. The tendency is one to be commended, and it may be that the time will come when American styles will be followed abroad. It sounds no more unreasonable that Europe should get fashions from America than it once did that the new world should furnish capital for investments in the old.—Chicago Tribune.

Cost of Roads in Europe.

In England the first cost of making a highway is estimated at \$4,000 per mile; in France it is \$3,000 and in Italy \$2,000 per mile. The principal item of cost in England comes from the necessary purchase of property; in the mountain districts of France, from the cost of the quarry, although which the road runs.

He tied his eye so it would not get caught in the back wheel and then hopped on. He wobbled at first, but later rode steady.

China's Empress Dowager.

A woman who has had the pleasure of seeing China's empress dowager describes her majesty as being surprisingly youthful in appearance. Her face is plump and free from wrinkles, although she is considerably over 60. She must have been quite pretty when young, and there are no signs of the cruelty of disposition with which she is credited. The empress' costume was of pale yellow silk richly embroidered with dragons and flowers of the same color. A silk headpiece adorned with large pearls concealed part of the forehead in the fashion adopted by elderly women in China.

The End of the World in 1914.

A famous scientist predicts that the world will come to an end in 1914, basing his calculations on the revelations of the Bible. If this is so, it is well to get what pleasure we can out of the few years that remain for us to live. One of the surest ways to enjoy life is the possession of good health and a well-regulated stomach. Hostetter's Stomach Remedy will enable anyone to obtain this. It is the greatest medicine for the cure of all that arise from a bad stomach. It cures dyspepsia, constipation, fever and grip, malaria, rheum and indigestion. No other medicine can show a record equal to Hostetter's Stomach Remedy, the standard medicine of the American people for over 50 years.

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Final Settlement.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED, executor of the estate of A. K. Wilson, deceased, has filed his final account as such executor, and that said account has set the hearing thereon for Monday, the 21st day of December, 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, and all persons having objections to the same are notified to present them at said court on or before said time, unless they file a written objection thereto, and such objection is published by order of the court of the county of Polk, Oregon, duly made at chambers on the 21st day of November, 1900. The date of the first publication of this notice is November 22d, 1900. J. H. TOWNSEND, Attorney for plaintiff.

Notice of Final Settlement.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT J. K. COYNE and N. M. COOPER, the surviving executors of the last will and testament of Nathan Cooner, deceased, have filed their final account as such executors in the county of Polk, Oregon, and that Tuesday, the 21st day of December, A. D. 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, in the court room of said county, court at Polk, Polk county, Oregon, has been fixed by Hon. J. K. Sibley, Judge of said court, as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

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Time was when Cancer was considered as incurable as leprosy. Physicians and friends could give little relief or encouragement to one afflicted with this terrible disease. Even now doctors know of no remedy for this fearful malady; while admitting it to be a blood disease, they still insist that there is no hope outside of a surgical operation, and advise you to have the Cancer cut out, but at the same time cannot assure you that it will not return. You may cut or draw out the sore, but another will come in its place, for the disease is in the blood—it is deep-seated and destructive, and beyond the reach of the surgeon's knife or caustic, flesh-destroying plaster. The blood must be purified and strengthened, the system relieved of all poisonous, effete matter before the Cancer sore will heal.

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Mrs. R. Shirer, La Plata, Mo., writes: 'A small pimple came on my jaw about one inch below the ear on the left side of my face. At first it gave me no trouble, and I did not think it was anything serious until the jaw began to swell and became much inflamed. At the same time the sore began to spread and until everything I could hear of, but nothing did me good. I then began the use of S. S. S., and after taking several bottles the Cancer healed, and there is now no sign of the disease. This was two years ago, and I am still enjoying perfect health.'

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