

HIGHER IDEA IN CHIVALRY

Lover of Today Is the Man Who Can Make Little Sacrifices for His Adored One.

When the feminists prepare a primer for the propagation of the new idea in chivalry Sir Walter Raleigh will not be shown spreading a red velvet cape before the queen with hair and temper to match. He will be depicted robed in a bungalow apron, washing the dishes for a spouse not recorded in history, but who must be injected into the scene to offset the pernicious Elizabethan stuff.

Wonderful lovers are fine in romantic fiction, but when it comes to life in a Harlem flat or a Greenwich village studio, Mary Fisher Torrance, magazine writer, humorist, suffrage leader and Barnard graduate, roots for the husband who breaks down traditional labor leagues and performs the nocturnal china ablutions, says the Sun and New York Herald.

"Any right-minded man who marries a college girl or a woman in the professions knows that she cannot enthrall over scouring the kitchen sink any more than he could, and that she can get no more inspiration than he can from cleaning the gas range.

"It is just dirty, grubby, disagreeable work, and when sometimes in these days of servant rebellion help cannot be procured at any price it behooves the husband to pitch in and go 50-50 by getting the pesky little routine tasks out of the way as soon as possible," said Mrs. Torrance.

"To me the higher expression of chivalry is a man's performance of the dull, disagreeable chores, which every one of us wants to shirk, but which he does to save a woman from doing them. And it is the better class, educated, cultivated man who is the first to do those things for his wife when she is without help."

TIMES CHANGING IN CHINA

"Gentlemen" of That Ancient Country Evidently Have Revised Their Opinion About Labor.

A sign of the times from China. At Canton Christian college there are Chinese gentlemen—"gentlemen," says a writer in Asia, "of a class that formerly considered work with the hands degrading"—taking care of and studying a model herd of water-buffaloes. If they were capable of such an emotion the situation would probably surprise the water-buffaloes, for long as water-buffaloes have been a commonplace factor in Chinese agriculture, and their wide horns and clumsy figures almost inevitable in a southern China landscape, they have never before been "studied" in an agricultural school, to say nothing of being studied by gentlemen.

But the Chinese gentlemen of the present, or at any rate some of them, are interested in the future of China, and as that future must necessarily be agricultural, these particular gentlemen are interested in improving the water-buffalo. His temper is probably acceptable enough as it is, for, although cross with strangers, the water-buffalo is gentle with those he knows. A small boy, sitting on his back and sometimes playing a flute, controls him easily, and whoever has seen the creature dragging plow or harrow through the swampy rice fields will probably agree that "water-buffalo" is a proper name for him.—Christian Science Monitor.

Gas From Straw.

A gas derived from the destructive distillation of straw is being produced on a small scale at the experimental farm of the United States Department of Agriculture at Arlington, Va., says the Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry in a recent article.

This gas has been used for motor fuel, for cooking and illuminating purposes, but its commercial value has not yet been determined. The office of development work of the bureau of chemistry is now making a series of tests upon it.

Fifty pounds of straw will produce about 300 cubic feet of gas, and the problem of liquefying or condensing the gas in order to enable it to be used practically as a motor fuel is now in process of solution.

Several valuable by-products are obtained during the manufacture of the gas.

Doctors for Bees.

When a honey bee staggers around holding his head and staring despondently into space he may be suffering from influenza, dementia precox or any one of a dozen other physical and mental disorders. At any rate he needs quick medical attention. He is getting it in the honey-producing regions of Manitoba, Canada. Bee experts say that the province will pour a river of honey on the world's pancakes this year and that the big production is due almost entirely to the elimination of bee diseases. Last year's average of approximately 65 pounds to the hive is expected to be materially increased by the hundreds of large apiaries scattered throughout the province.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Accidents Late in the Day.

Dr. E. Guth of Berlin proves by statistics in the Zentralblatt fuer Gewerbehygiene, that accidents occur more frequently in the last working hours, being also of a more serious nature. Considering this increase in accidents, and the decrease in work done during the last working hours, he concludes that not only workmen, but also employers have interest in reducing the number of working hours

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New System

A new zoning system is planned for the State Livestock Sanitary Board's future work. It is planned to divide the state into three zones and have an assistant veterinarian in charge of each. One veterinarian would be stationed at Bend, covering all of the range territory in Eastern Oregon or that east of the Cascade Divide; one to be stationed at Portland covering all of the counties north, including Lincoln, Polk and Marion; one to be located at Eugene, covering all the territory in Western Oregon, south of the before mentioned counties. Each veterinarian will be presumed to look after the dairy emergency work as may come up.

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"fit."
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place there,
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where
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