

WOMAN AND HOME.

WHY GIRLS PREFER FACTORY WORK TO KITCHEN LABOR.

A Test of Female Refinement—Table Proprieties—Children's Clothing—Care for Gossip—Uses of Borax—A Hand-some Woman—Hints and Helps.

A contributor to The Atlantic Monthly, writing with a feminine hand, deprecates the fact that house servants are to-day receiving as high wages as they received during the war times, when calicoes and muslins, boots and bonnets, cost so much more than they do now, and concludes that the reason for this is that the hiring of such servants is entirely in the hands of women.

What is true of the factory girl is true, to a greater extent, of the store girl, and, moreover, her daily associations and her contact with shoppers of the opposite sex give her many advantages in a matrimonial way, which is a considerable matter.

The Proprieties at the Table. Women, from some affected notion of refinement, don't eat—they feed. In their teeth, when they ought to eat naturally and hungrily, they pick at table and re-enforce by nibbling in a futile way.

Various Uses of Borax. A cup of powdered borax on your wash-stand will do wonders in the way of softening the skin. If you have been working in the garden or doing anything about the house which has tended to make your hands rough, when you wash them dip your fingers in the borax and rub your hands well with it.

Pleasures of Social Intercourse. Perhaps in a room full of people, all sociable in their way, you will not meet more than one or two of your own stamp, who will respond and attention from you that will astonish even yourself, they come so easily and quickly.

Marriage in Ancient Athens. The choice of an ancient Athenian citizen was limited to Athenian women. Only when this married could his children possess the rights of citizenship. An Athenian woman was likewise not allowed to marry a foreigner.

Economy in Cookery. Early in life I was taught by a good mother that it was a sin to waste anything that could be made use of, and later on I have had much occasion to be thankful for the lesson so early learned.

A Test of Refinement. Upon a certain occasion I stood before a popular dry goods house waiting for a street

THE TELEPHONE.

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Professional cards, \$12 per year. Special rates for large display "ads."

HERE AND THERE.

Modern novelties first came into use in 1545. Harvard distributed \$53,000 to indigent students last year.

In the time of King Edward II the price of the Bible in England was 477.

Electric lights are now being used by submarine divers with great effect.

A phonologist has been making money of late in Washington examining the bumps on senatorial heads.

Most of the London churches have offered up prayers for the recovery of the crown prince of Germany.

Volapuk is a language which was invented by a German, and is now being taught in France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Russia, and Denmark.

The Grand Army has increased from 60,634 in 1880 to 373,674 in 1887. The gain in the past year and a quarter was 46,137.

An immense hunting expedition is about to start for Masailand, the ground of Rider Haggard's last novel, "Allan Quatermain."

The hospital Saturday fund in London amounts to \$50,000 this year. Collections are made every Saturday in workshops and factories.

Several German firms have given notice to houses in Bradford, where there are many Germans, that they will adopt Volapuk in corresponding with English manufacturers.

The London Times says that a few weeks ago some excavations at Pompeii brought to light a set of surgical instruments, many of which resemble instruments in use at the present day.

John Edman, an Ohio man, proposes to start a daily newspaper in the Finnish language at Ishpeming, Mich., Jan. 1. It will be the only daily in that language published in the United States.

A Maine man as an experiment clipped the fleece from a pet Newfound land dog and had it carded and spun into yarn. It yielded four skeins of jet black yarn, weighing two and one-quarter pounds, and was as soft as wool.

A solid lump of coal, containing eighty-seven cubic feet and weighing 6,361 pounds, was exhibited at the Texas state fair recently held at Dallas. It was the largest block of coal ever taken from a mine in the United States.

It is said that the most acceptable of all holiday presents to a lady from her husband or brother or any friend who has a right to give it, is a long, narrow strip of tinted paper on which is written "Pay to the order of — \$—."

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, an American couple, have been traveling for four months through Europe on a tandem cycle, with their joint expenses by this mode of traveling, have been limited to twenty-six shillings a day, sight-seeing fees included.

Mr. Jesse Haworth, of Bowdon, Cheshire, has presented to the British Museum the bones of a Quaternary stag, which he shot on an oak and lemonade, and he walked far oftener than he rode.

John Quincy Adams received nearly \$500,000 from the government in salaries during his lifetime, and he possessed the Yankee thrift. The Adams family at present are one of the richest in New England, and I was told at Kansas City that Charles Francis Adams has more than \$1,000,000 invested in real estate here. He has railroad stocks and bonds in addition, and he makes his money breed like Australian rabbits.

Andrew Jackson spent more than his salary while he was in the White House, and he had to borrow money to keep up with his expenses. Thomas Jefferson borrowed the money that carried him out of school when he left the presidency, and Andy Johnson, though he entertained considerably, is supposed to have saved at least \$50,000 during his White House career. He died, I am told, worth about \$100,000, and the money of this came from economy. It was a pretty good estate for a tailor to leave. James Buchanan was making about \$7,000 a year at the law when he entered congress, and he spent during his presidency what was left from his living expenses in charity. He was not, however, a rich man when he died, and his estate of Westlands was sold a year or two ago.

President Fillmore began his life as a wool carrier. During the three years he was engaged to his sweetheart he had not enough money to pay the expenses of the 150 miles which lay between her home in Saratoga county, N. Y., and where he had begun to practice law. During the first years of their marriage his wife did the housework and taught school, and still he died one of the richest of the presidents. The greater part of his fortune, however, came from his second marriage to a rich woman of Buffalo, whom he courted after his first wife died.

President Cleveland is supposed to be worth about \$100,000, and he owns, I am told, real estate in Buffalo which is rapidly advancing in value. President Arthur left much less than he was supposed to be worth. Grant died shortly before his death owed \$30,000 to Gen. Swain, and Grant did not add to his fortune by his White House career. Hayes made money out of the presidency, and is rich through inheritance and economy. The president, as a rule, have not saved money during their presidency, but the same abilities which made them presidents would, if they had been used in the field of money making and money saving, have given them fortunes.—Frank G. Carpenter in New York World.

Dispensing of Prescriptions. One of the British medical journals gives the results of an inquiry undertaken in a certain district to ascertain the degree of accuracy which was observed in the dispensing of prescriptions. In all 50 prescriptions were written, and in 49 the number of grains, 14 to 16 to cooperative stores, 2 to "doctors' shops," and 4 to certain drug companies. They decided to give a liberal margin for error, and accordingly did not schedule any prescription as incorrectly made if the chief constituents were within 10 per cent of the amount ordered. According to this classification no fewer than 17 out of the 50 prescriptions were incorrectly dispensed; the limits of error were also very wide indeed, for in one case the quantity of the drug supplied was less by 85 per cent than the ordered, and in another 57 per cent more than had been ordered. The chemists and druggists were pure and simple out of this ordeal with great credit, as in only two cases did the errors amount to as largely as 10 per cent. The cooperative stores figure on the black list three times, the "doctors' shop" once, and the "drug company" three times. Briefly, of the latter class 75 per cent were untrustworthy, 50 per cent were cheap, and 10 per cent "doctors' shops," while 30 per cent of those from stores and 6 per cent of those from regular druggists exceeded the margin of error.—Chicago News.

New Tugboatmen Sleep. The question has often been asked, "When do tugboatmen sleep?" In point of fact, so far as disrobing and lying down in bed, nothing of that kind ever occurs to their bed, but they manage to obtain a full and, in fact, liberal allowance of slumber, because they have trained themselves to lie down at any time and in any shape, where the temperature is high enough, without any formality of divesting themselves of clothing, and to do so as much as possible. In this way, it may be confidently asserted, twelve out of each twenty-four hours of a tugboatman's life may be devoted to slumber if he so chooses, and is, indeed, generally spent in this manner.—New York World.

"SECOND STORY" THIEVES.

HOW THEIR DARING ROBBERIES ARE GENERALLY CARRIED OUT.

Jobs That Are Done Only After Careful Planning—Jewelry the Peculiar Plunder of the "Second Story" Thief—Rarely Caught at Work.

The most effective work at present among those who steal for a living, is being done by what is technically known to the trade as "second story" men. Robberies by this class of thieves have become alarmingly frequent, and there have been many cases reported to the police, few of which have been made public, because the thieves have not been caught and it is the policy of the police department to keep everything quiet when success has not attended their efforts.

Their work is first class and they must be good men, experts in their line. Their efforts are characterized by a boldness and dash that make one of the "Troy" Dennis and his gang. "Troy" is still terror in the minds of thieves, as well as detectives, as the king of the "second story" workers. He was cool, daring and brave, and had a chivalrous strain that would not permit him to injure any one weaker physically than himself. He died with his boots on. While climbing a pillar in Fifth street he loosened a heavy stone, and it fell on him and flattened him out like a piece of paper.

After Dennis the famous men are Long John Garvey and "Jack" Reilly, the leader of the Murray Hill gang. Garvey walked through a skylight in Brooklyn and had the flesh pretty well scraped from his nose, and was killed. Reilly did a neat job in "cleaning out" a Lexington avenue house. He took the stolen goods back for a reward. The amount did not suit him and he removed the goods again. It will be many years yet before you can get a "second story" man making shoes for the state. With this trio out of the way New Yorkers have been able for several years to enjoy a dinner in comfort without feeling nervous about their treasures.

A GOOD "SECOND STORY" MAN. "Second story" thieves are technically described as a cross between a burglar and a sneak thief. They are usually tall, slim fellows, possessed of great strength and nerve. They take pride in their calling and look upon it as their life's profession. He is no weakly physically than himself. He died with his boots on.

Down on Hot Drinks. "I'm no doctor," says Mr. Edgar Dartwell, "nor am I one of those fellows who always have recipes for curing every ill that their acquaintances may have, but I know one thing, and that is that hot drinks induce nervousness. I used to drink everything at hot as I could bear it, and I could bear it as well as you, but now I don't drink anything but cold water and I feel a great deal better for it."

Beautiful Sunlight Effect. It is well to see the warmth we cannot feel, and we know of no more effective way of gratifying the eye than to place panes of ruby glass in or over the door. The effect of the sunlight in this medium in a hall is very beautiful.—Chicago Herald.

Moderation in Bathing. Water is serviceable to the skin in only moderate amounts and at moderate temperatures. Very cold or very hot baths, when used in excess, diminish the elasticity of the skin and its power of resistance to external irritants.—New York Graphic.

To Cleanse Mica. Take a little vinegar and water and wash the mica carefully with a soft cloth; the acid removes all stains, and if a little pains is taken to clean the corners thoroughly with a fine brush, the mica will look as good as new.—Detroit Free Press.

Freeing Rooms of Mildew. There is no better plan for freeing rooms and cellars of mildew than to burn sulphur in them. The rooms should be effectually closed, and not opened for one hour after setting fire with the sulphur fumes. Chicago Herald.

A Relish. Large green peppers are washed prepared in this way: Remove all the seeds and fill the pepper with cooked tomato pulp and mixed mushrooms, seasoning with salt and butter. Bake in a hot oven and serve.—New York Mail and Express.

To Clean the Kettle. To clean a porcelain kettle, fill half full of hot water and put in a tablespoonful of powdered borax. Let it boil. If this doesn't do it, let the kettle stand in the water all night, and then scrub with soap and borax.—Chicago Herald.

A Female Architect. Miss Nellie Nevada Moore is the chief architect and builder of the new building which she lives in, Pittsburgh. She wears trousers when doing men's work, but when that is over she dons skirts again.

Kate Field Gives a Toast. Kate Field, at a recent banquet given by women, thrilled her hearers by an elegant speech when proposing the toast—"The men, God bless them."—Philadelphia Times.

A Silk Velvet or Plush Bag Attached to a gilded palm leaf fan is a pretty receptacle for photographs, cards, or a bit of fancy work.

Cleanliness is a sine qua non of beauty of the complexion, but if it does not play a great part in the health of the skin.

The Southern Women prints a list of over fifty ladies who are connected with southern newspapers.

Distilled and so called soft water are more suitable for washing and less irritable than hard water.

Curtains of a warm tone should be selected for a room with a northern exposure.

A Study of the Waterpots. A study of the waterpots observed on or near the Gulf stream has proven to Mr. H. B. Gibson, of Harvard college, that they are much less rare in winter than might be supposed. The dates of their occurrence appear to coincide with the extension of cold north-west winds, or "cold waves," from the land out over the relatively warm sea.—Arkansas Traveler.

A wall of brownstone, topped with a bronze fence, keeps stray kine off the \$2,500,000 premises of James C. Flood on Nob Hill, Frisco.

WAR TIMES BRIDGE BUILDING.

How Gen. O. M. Mitchell Rebuilt the Trestle Work Across Stone River in 1862.

In the campaign of 1862 it became the task of Gen. Mitchell, division commander, to rebuild the trestle work across Stone River, near Murfreesboro. With two companies of Minnie mechanics and engineers, assisted by details from among the other troops of the division, the work was accomplished in a remarkably short time. A private letter written by Gen. Mitchell to a friend thus tells the story:

"On Friday a large force was put to work on three railroad bridges near this town—No. 1, 380 feet long; No. 2, 320 feet long; No. 3, 220 feet long. These formidable bridges were to be rebuilt before we could advance, as without the railroad we could not feed the army for lack of transportation. On Saturday morning I learned that we had framing tools for only two gangs of framers, when I wished to set twenty gangs to work. I immediately mounted my horse, went to Nashville, purchased all I required, returned the same day, and on Sunday morning at daylight the wagon arrived with the tools. My journey was seventy-five miles. Sunday everything was grooved up. Monday we framed and raised four butts. Tuesday five butts went up on No. 1 and four on No. 2. Timber out on No. 3, Wednesday five butts went up on No. 3. Thursday the framing commenced on Nos. 1 and 2, and this morning two bridges are finished, and the third one nearly ready for the iron. 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