

Our Woman's Department

The Journal's Weekly Budget of Club News and Items of Interest Pertaining to the Home.

The Saturday afternoon Club of Ashland has recently organized with 23 members.

The custom of reading articles from the Portland Club Journal is becoming prevalent at club meetings and the publishers commend the practice for the reason that the Journal is designed to be a medium and to cater to the needs of the club.

Out of thirty-three exhibitors at the Camera club in Portland the past week six were women. Miss Bertha Breyman, well known in Salem, received first prize. Miss Breyman has held the cup for two years, now another success makes it hers.

Florence May Wright, our local poetess, contributes some charming verses to the current number of the Club Journal. Her work of late has grown in depth and shows here and there touches of true poetic genius. Miss Wright's style of composition is pleasing and her breadth of subject indicates a spirit soulfully eager to solve for herself those questions on metaphysical lines that confront the thinking mind of today.

What might be said to be the effect of club life upon the woman in her own home may be considered a pertinent question while this subject is under discussion, says Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, vice-president of the National Federation. For the average woman, it has taken her away for happy little whiffs from certain daily nagging details of life, many of which she has thereby discovered were non-essentials and superfluous. With her the old gossip or talk of servants has given place to intelligent discussion of current events. She has eliminated from the minds of her children the idea that Mother possessed only the affections and Father the intelligence of the family, by bringing back to the family table an intelligent interest at least, in the subject that daily absorb thoughts of husband and children as well as daughters. She has learned to think independently and to be wisely, as well as strongly, suggestive. She has somehow learned to command the years to stand still, and though yet lavish as sunshine with health and strength and life for love's sake, she is ceasing to be mean and stingy and small over street-car fare, strings and paper bags.

Every time a woman goes to her club she should return to her home a better companion for her children, "the best fellow on earth, you know"; a better comrade for her husband in the fullest and truest and freest sense of "comradery"—a better home keeper, which is far more than being a house-keeper.

Do you really think it right to teach the children that there is such a person as Santa Claus, when all the while you know there isn't, and when you know too that before long they will inevitably discover the deception.

Many conscientious mothers ask this question seriously. They are strenuous in inculcating truth into their children and it seems to their little short of wickedness to interest children in a mythical personage whose home is in the cloud land of the imagination, and who has no visible and tangible hold upon reality and, too, they dread the moral effect upon their charges, when they are disillusioned as in time they must be. Well some of us never are disillusioned. Children are endowed with great riches in their power to dream dreams and see visions. They live in their early years in a beautiful wonder world out of which they emerge when the school room gets them into its routine and acquaints them with the facts of life.

Santa Claus as a literal entity, it is true, has no existence. But Santa Claus as a myth, as a genius of universal charity, as a spirit of unfettered kindness and good will is just as vital and worthy of our love as if we could chain him fast to time and place. Every age owns him and every hemisphere. No, let us not rob childhood of this beautiful myth, rather inculcate its beautiful symbolism of truth and charity and love.

To some minds it appears that the daughters are not always as careful of their parents as they should be. The modern mother seems to us in great danger of being abused. Once her daughter comes upon the stage in long skirts, the former abdicates. All the household shapes itself for the girl, and she takes this as her right. This good mother lets her lie abed in the morning, and then has a warm breakfast for her when she gets up. The mother stays home from the play in order that the daughter may go. She gives up society and makes over her old gowns so that the young woman may go out every night and have more new frocks. When there are men callers in the evening, she stately or awkwardly (it depends on her training) effaces herself, and goes off to bed or to read alone in the kitchen. When it comes to summer holidays, more than often it is the girl who goes to the mount, alms or seashore, while the mother stays at home. Sometimes the young woman takes a money-getting position, works during the day, plays the lady in the evening, and spends her salary on herself, while the mother stays closer at home than ever, and does the drudgery. If you will think over the women you know you will find that in all these ways, or in several of them, the mother is the slave of the daughter.—December Woman's Home Companion.

Hereafter there will be no such person as a "servant" for the National Housewives' association, in convention at Chicago, decided to elevate housework to the dignity of a profession. "Spinster of dishwashing" or "mistress of cooking" or even "doctress of general housework" for attendants on the new school of technology the association is to found, will, however, be eminently proper terms with which to designate housemaids.

It was Mrs. Howard S. Krotzschmar, of the Chicago Woman's club who proposed the new departure. She declared that the only way to solve the housemaid problem was to insist that employes in every department of housework should have a technical education before they get employment. She also thought that diplomas should be given housemaids after one year of employment in a family, such diplomas to be signed by the executive committee of the association.

Mrs. Krotzschmar's ideas met with instant favor, and the president of the association, appointed a committee to see that they were acted upon as soon as possible. The committee will also consider a plan for erecting a club house and hospital for housemaids.

The Wisconsin state labor bureau has been collecting reasons why girls prefer work in factories and stores to household service. Inquiries were sent to 769 persons. Among the answers were these: "If ladies would only give girls better rooms, kinder treatment and warmer beds and let them live independently, more girls would do housework." "I went into the factory because I wanted to be treated like a human being." "The reason I won't do housework is because I will not be treated like half a slave and always a nobody." "I love housework, but, like the most of other girls, I refuse to do it under present conditions." "None of the girls I know would do housework, because a girl who does it is always looked upon as a kitchen drudge, always on duty and seldom treated justly." "I am treated better in the factory in every way, and, besides, I am no longer obliged to entertain in the kitchen or receive my friends at the back door, since I can live at home with my own people."

Vanilla in squash pies will give the epicurean cook's flavor to them.

When molasses is employed in cooking, it is a very great improvement to boil and skim it before using. It takes out the unpleasant raw taste, and makes it more like sugar.

White wool hats are very prominent in winter millinery.

Among tailor made costumes all the handsome weaves in satin faced cloth are popular.

"Venetian pink" is the name of a very becoming shade of rose that will appear among velvets, chiffons and ribbons for collars, bows, cuffs and millinery uses.

The use of white satin, fur, gold braid, laces, and Russian gimpure medallions is again a feature of cloth and velvet gowns and handsome coats.

Tailor made costumes of military blue zebeline have the blouse bodices trimmed with rows of flat buttons and expensive buttons of gold and blue enamel.

Novel and pretty black passementeries are used just now by dressmakers not only for trimming frocks for semi-dress wear, but also for walking and traveling costumes.

Memorial Service for Prince Consort. London, Dec. 13.—For the first time in many years December 14 will pass this year without the holding of the elaborate services in memory of the

Prince Consort on the anniversary of his death. During the lifetime of the late Queen Victoria the anniversary of the death of her husband was always marked by impressive services held in Frogmore Mausoleum, near Windsor Castle. The Queen attended these services in person and more-over indeed that the Prince of Wales and other members of the royal family should be present. It was customary on these occasions to have an elaborate musical furnished by the choir of St. George's Chapel and directed by Sir Walter Parratt.

King Edward himself the love he bears the memory of his father is well known, has taken his customary practical view of the matter and decided that the time has come to abandon the observance. In future memorial exercises for the Prince Consort and also for Princess Alice, whose death occurred at the same time, will be held in conjunction with the anniversary service for Queen Victoria.

Xmas Presents Going Abroad. New York, Dec. 13.—The outgoing steamships bound for Europe today carry the first big lot of Christmas mail sent abroad this year. The exciting prosperity throughout the land is evidenced by the unusual volume of the foreign mail. Steamship officers declare that never in their experience have the foreign pouches been so numerous and so bulky thus early in the holiday season. Extra mail clerks have been put on all the big steamships carrying the mails, but the postoffice officials are much worried over the prospect for next week when it is expected the department will be literally swamped beneath its heavy burden.

The money order offices throughout the country report that in regards to the foreign business all records are going by the board this year. It is difficult to estimate the aggregate amount of money that the foreign-born residents of the United States send to their friends and relatives at home during the Christmas season, but it is safe to assert that the amount this year is away and beyond the average. The most of the cash presents are destined to brighten up the old homes in Scandinavia and in Ireland, though large sums also find their way to Germany, Holland, France, Austria, Belgium and other countries of Europe.

Mason Remember Washington. Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13.—A representative of Lodge No. 1, of Masons, of this city, will go to Mount Vernon tomorrow, bearing, on behalf of the lodge, a wreath of evergreens, which will be placed on the grave of George Washington as a memorial from his mother lodge on the one hundred and third anniversary of the



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death of that illustrious Mason. This interesting custom was inaugurated by the lodge three years ago. In June of each year a messenger to bear the wreath to the tomb is selected.

Washington, in his early manhood, became a member of the Masonic lodge of Fredericksburg, and the records showing his initiation, passing and raising and bearing his signature to the constitution and the Bible on which he was obligated are sacredly preserved among the treasure relics of the lodge and are objects of great interest to visitors to the city.

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