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OLD MOTHERS.

I love old mothers—mother with white hair,
 And kindly eyes, and lips grown softly sweet
 With murmured blessings over sleeping babes.
 There is a something in their quiet grace
 That speaks the calm of Sabbath afternoons;
 A knowledge in their deep, unfaltering eyes
 That far outreaches all philosophy.
 Time, with caressing touch, about them weaves
 The silver-threaded fairy-shawl of age,
 While all the echoes of forgotten songs
 Seemed joined to lend a sweetness to their speech.
 Old mothers!—as they pass with slow-timed step,
 Their trembling hands cling gently to youth's strength;
 Sweet mothers!—as they pass one sees again
 Old garden walks, old roses, and old loves.

WOMEN AND CAREERS.

Some of the happiest women we know are those who have given up careers.

Now and then we see women ready to grasp the result of much hard work, and attain thereby a great success, and instead they **THROW IT AWAY FOR DOMESTIC HAPPINESS.**

Invariably the worldly minded ones exclaim, "Why is she throwing herself away?"

It is often true that "a woman's fame is the tomb of happiness," and that "the happiest women, like the happiest nations, have no history."

Not long ago I met a woman who had made for herself a successful stage career; she had been courted and feted, and all the world, seemingly, lay at her feet; but the applause, the glare and glitter of her success, **DID NOT SATISFY.**

If she married, a certain income was to cease; she could not worship two gods—that of the household and the stage—so she chose the humbler one, where she knew she was certain of the love and peace she desired.

This woman discarded that which many women have worked and saved a lifetime to secure.

She accompanied her husband to Alaska and lived in a frontier log cabin, far from the comforts and pleasures of civilization, and now she calls that frontier experience the happiest of her life.

And I know another woman to whom the years have brought much success in the world of art.

She has just arrived at a period when she is beginning to receive compensation for all her apprenticeship and a steadily increasing appreciation of the world for her talent; **BUT WORKING ALONE DID NOT BRING HER THE HAPPINESS SHE WISHED.**

She was too womanly a woman, even if she was out of the ordinary and possessed of rare gifts.

Her many friends lamented that she was giving up her career, and she could not make some of them understand that in marrying the man of her choice she expected to do still the best in her art.

She is to live in a little cabin in the northland, where the snows will cover it from sight.

NO ONE WILL DENY THAT THE PROTECTED WOMAN IS THE HAPPIEST, in spite of what may be written concerning the independent life, the duties involved in following some profession.

The pity of it is that the protected woman should so often allow herself to be narrow.

When the household vocation is assumed, it is well for the woman to have some avocation to which she can turn as a relaxation, as a means of continuing that inner progress which is necessary to a well balanced life.

The profession of the home—the gospel of the home—is the truest religion for woman, after all has been said.

PRESENT-DAY NOVELS.

Chicago university professors have said many foolish things that found their way into the newspapers, and the comments have been unsparing.

It is but fair to give them credit when their utterances are sound. Professor Shafer Matthews says that much of the **CURRENT FICTION HAS A DELETERIOUS EFFECT** on the morals of the reader through the manner in which the authors treat love and marriage.

The number of modern novels that contain this method of treatment is astonishing.

One comes upon it in the work of authors generally regarded as respectable.

Passages are numerous which cannot—or should not—be read in mixed society.

The authors at times go out of their way to introduce licentious incidents and questionable innuendo, and it is a fair inference, that the purpose is to sell their books.

It may well be that these writers are responsible for much of the disrespect for marriage that is followed by divorce.

Scores of such books have been published in the last year.

PARENTS OF IMMATURE CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE A CARE ABOUT THE CHARACTER OF BOOKS THAT FALL INTO THEIR HANDS.

The statement of Professor Matthews is conservative. The Francesca club, a woman's organization of San Francisco, has just decided to cast a book of this sort from its library.

Women writers appear to be on a par with men in the introduction of situations and descriptions of doubtful propriety.

A Good Liniment.

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WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

Cortelyou Satisfied With Monetary Situation—Other Matters of Interest.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Secretary Cortelyou professes to be thoroughly satisfied with the manner in which the financial situation is shaping itself. In New York, the clearing house of the nation, financial affairs are much easier and much money has been sent by the banks of the metropolis to the middle west, particularly to St. Louis, where heavy demands have been made by the smaller banks of the southwest for currency with which to move the crops. Despite all this and notwithstanding that Mr. Cortelyou said this week that the crisis had passed to such an extent that the matter was not even discussed at the cabinet meeting, there is an air of decided nervousness in the business world that will force congress to take an early in the coming session the matter of currency reform.

The fact is pointed to that panics come in seven year cycles and that the country has been notably free from any financial disturbance since 1893. Having skipped 1900, the seventh year after the disastrous days of '93 the superstitious are wondering whether this year of 1907 will witness a panic having the force of two. So far as the real business of the nation is concerned, there never was, according to government reports, a healthier condition.

Five stops only are to be made by the big battleship squadron on its way around Cape Horn to the Pacific waters next month. Stops will be made at Trinidad, Rio Janeiro, Puntas Arenas, Callao and Magdalena bay. With the exception of Magdalena bay, the squadron will remain at each of these places from five to eleven days for the purpose of executing war maneuvers and indulging in target practice. Far more stops will be made by the torpedo boat flotilla which will start out on its long trip two weeks in advance of the squadron. It is not fully determined just when the two fleets will salute the forts at the Golden Gate, for much is dependent upon the extent of practice on the cruise around.

Congressman Gillette, of Massachusetts, will be made the butt for much joking by his colleagues when he returns from his trip to the Ishmus. The New Englander has had a hard time keeping up with the members of his committee, for he dreads seasickness. Instead of sailing from New York with the committee, he traveled out to sea on the remarkable railroad being extended along the Florida keys.

The road, which is the Florida East Coast line, has not quite completed its trackage as far as Key West, but Congressman Gillette was enabled to travel as far as Knight's bay. Whatever opportunity the New Englander might have had for getting on the committee on naval affairs has been dissipated.

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Big sticks are plentiful enough everywhere, perhaps, in this administration, save only that telephone and telegraph companies throughout the country are finding them scarcer every year. Either artificial cultivation of the timber suitable for poles will have to become general or a substitute for wood must be found.

One of Uncle Sam's consular agents stationed at a German city reports that a factory has been started there for the manufacture of glass telephone poles of the standard sizes. These are reinforced by a meshwork of wire threads. If at all practicable, they will almost certainly be useful in tropical countries where telephone companies complain that swarms of ants fasten upon the wooden poles and devour them so completely that nothing is left except the glass insulator hanging over the space where the insulator pin used to be. Whether glass poles are adaptable for use in this country remains to be seen.

It has already been shown that seasoned timber in contact with the ground will outlast unseasoned, and dry wood is more receptive of preservative fluid than is green wood. If scientific skill succeeds in greatly lengthening the existence of the average wooden pole, and if the methods of scientific forestry which the forestry bureau is trying to inculcate become generally adopted, it is likely that glass sticks will not be needed in this country to carry the vast net work of telephone wires by which practically every American is able to converse with every other.

As a result of his recent trip, First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock is working on a bill which he will offer to congress, permitting postmasters of the middle west and west to pay salary to clerks and carriers in excess of the grade which the postal employees really hold. The postoffice department has been experiencing difficulty for some time past in retaining the services of experienced employees in the postoffices of the west.

This condition prevails particularly in the mining regions of the Rocky Mountains, where in the last few years towns have sprung up overnight and have become cities within a few months. In those places prices of everything including labor is very high and it has been found impossible to retain men in the postoffice service at the salaries paid. Mr. Hitchcock found, for instance, that at Goldfield, Nev., Edward R. Collins, the postmaster there has paid out far more than his salary in order that the office might be maintained. It is possible that congress will pass a special bill reimbursing Postmaster Collins. While this is an aggravated case, it shows the condition in which the postal service is at the present time.

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Money Is Confidence.

(Written by Alderman George B. Jacob.)

Money is confidence, or, in other words, confidence is money. I say the above words and meaning are absolutely true in every sense. The people of this great republic said that gold, with the proper weight and stamp was and is universally accepted as having a debt-paying power to the amount denominated on the coin; likewise silver the same now, since it has been accepted by the nation as being safe, sound and reliable in every particular, and, by common consent, and complete confidence of the people. Now, since the people of this great nation have created so useful an article, it behooves the same people to protect the use of this money in its legitimate use, as, for instance, the amount of actual money is small, as compared with the products of labor, and real estate that it became necessary to issue, and use some other representative of value, hence the banks become a prominent factor in the way of issuing credit in order that the money that part of the people have on hand for sale of property, labor or merchandise that they do not want to use for the present, they deposit it in the banks, and the bank becomes a central place of distribution by loaning deposits to people who wish to invest in some kind of products, merchandise or realty, and since the

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laws regulating the national banks allow them to loan 75 per cent of their deposits, and state banks a larger per cent of their deposits, it is plain to see that a bank doing a legitimate business in accordance with law could not stand a run at any time, therefore confidence is the only doctor than can prescribe for lack of confidence.

Then, on the other hand, some will say that banks ought not to be allowed to loan their depositors' money; granting their reasons of the situation to be true, then the banks would become the misers' stockings, and money would be hoarded up in banks, and go out of circulation altogether, and it would be necessary for the depositors to pay the bank for hoarding their money for safekeeping, and then we would have a continued panic, and a complete stagnation of trade, as at the present time.

As this is not the time to discuss the system we have of banking, and the writer believes in a progressive nation and system of doing business, but what we want now is confidence in ourselves, in our nation and in our banker and business men.

We have exactly the same method of doing business now that we had two months ago, and the people were satisfied then. We have several million dollars more today than we had two months ago. The miners are producing an enormous amount of gold and silver, and the whole business of the country is like an endless chain, and when one link is broken or the brake is applied, the whole chain stops, and the result is panic. Now the money is all here that was here two months ago, and more, the commodities and property of all kinds are here; there is only one



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