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children. The father has gone in and found the from below. mother raging drunk; a fight starts between them.

"Jimmie partially suppressed a yell and darted down the stairway. Below he paused and listened. He heard howls and curses,

and the overturned and broken furniture. "In the middle of the floor lay his mother others.

limp body hung across the seat of a chair. urchin stole forward. He began to up into periods of thirty days.

and safe, with whole wheels, on the side-walk. The fearful coming of the engine could break up the most intricate muddle of heavy vehicles at which the police had been storming for half "A fire-engine was enshrined in his heart as were creatures to be ineffably admired. be arrested. Before he reached a great age he

from below. "They crouched until the ghost mists of dawn appeared at the window, drawing close to the panes, and looking in at the prostrate, heaving body of the mother." continually storming at them from his throne. "He sat aloft and denounced their frantic leaps, plunges, dives and straddles. . Yet he achieved a respect for a fire-engine. As one charged towards his truck, he would drive the theorem is throne. and listened. He heard howls and curses, groans and shrieks—a confused chorus as if a battle were raging. With it all there was the crash of splintering furniture. The eyes of the urchin glared in his fear that one of them would discover him. "Curious faces appeared in doorways, and Curious faces appeared in doorways, and force themselves more openly into notice and whispered comments passed to and fro. 'Ol' Johnson's playin' horse agin.' lessness in the United States than in our less an hour. "Jimmie stood until the noises ceased, and the other inhabitants of the tenement had all the other inhabitants of the tenement had all yawned and shut their doors. Then he crawled upstairs with the caution of an invader of a panther's den Sounds of Jabourd brackies into life with his most will superior to the drunken woman, when he goes forth into life with his most will superior to the drunken woman when he goes forth upstairs with the caution of an invader of a panther's den. Sounds of laboured breathing came through the broken door panels. He developed by an atmosphere of violence, filth pushed the door open and entered, quaking. "A glow from the fire threw red hues over the have doer undered avided sided alloctaving the bare floor, the cracked and soiled plastering, control, and care for the rights or feelings of "When Jimmie was a little boy he began to

In one corner of the room his father's ly hung across the seat of a chair. "Eventually, he felt obliged to work. His father died, and his mother's years were divided "This blatant, ferocious spirit (a spirit shown

"The urchin stole forward. He began to shiver in dread of awakening his parents. His mother's great chest was heaving painfully. Jimmie paused and looked down at her. Her face was inflamed and swollen from drinking. Her yellow brows shaded eyelids that had grown blue. Her tangled hair tossed in waves over her forehead. Her mouth was set in the same lines of vindictive hatred that it had, perhaps, were thrown out above her head in an attitude *``Maggie," by Stephen Crane. London, William Heine-mann. Price 3s, cloth.

where filthy ways, is a curse to all her fithy ways, is a curse to all her family. The heavist recent from the here has a set of the partner of his life index insects. The set index index is a set for the set of the set of

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One Penny Weekly.

A BOOK OF THE HOUR.* of exhaustion, something, mayhap, like that of took dangerous dives beneath the noses of A BOOK OF THE HOUR.* A STUDY OF DRINK AND POVERTY. "Maggie" is by no means a temperance take but it is a remarkable, powerful and convincing study of "low life," in which the mischief and the but it is a remarkable, powerful and convincing study of "low life," in which the mischief and the but it is a remarkable, powerful and convincing study of "low life," in which the mischief and the but it is a semarkable, powerful and convincing study of "low life," in which the mischief and the termed the key-note of the prevalence of drinking maggie" is a sweet human flower, planted on a dunghill. Her drinking mother, with her violence and her fifthy ways, is a curse to all her family. The husband, when he chances to come in quite sober, finds the partner of his life termed the key-note of the whole. "The woman flow the read as if in combat, and the family. The husband, when he chances to come in quite sober, finds the partner of his life termed the key-note of the street cars. At first his tongue again began to snore. "It me woman flow the next room had followed his mother was the family. The husband, when he chances to the woman's grim the erawled back into the shadows and wisted. A noise in the next room had followed his like into the habit, when starting on a how the discovery that his mother was the discovery that his mother was followed him like intent insects. "He fell into the habit, when starting on a high and

continually storming at them from his throne.

in the above extract no less in the policemen

when poor Maggie at last leaves the drunken were granted certain modified privileges and men :-- "That every brewer and brewster sell harridan named mother, and the den called compelled to come within the jurisdiction of the a gallon of best ale for 11d.;" and another, "if home, in which Jemmie is now taking the place craft, but they were not admitted to full any man or woman sell a gallon of best ale of the dead father in quarrelling and fighting membership. The women were simply granted at a higher price than 12d., let him or her pay with the awful mother. Yet we know the end a toleration to make certain classes of work, the first time 40s." Brewsters convicted of is inevitable—the tragic, deserted, miserable and even after granting this privilege the infringing the assize of ale had to pay, for the end. Poor Maggie! Are such lives, fated to tailors of Aberdeen were, we believe, the only first offence, 10s.; 20s. for the second; for the sin and wretchedness by the evil conditions in craftsmen in Scotland who allowed females to third, "the punishment that is provided for the which they have their origin, to be condemned or pitied ?

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Whether it is good to write or to read such books is a question. There can be none as to making, if so it pleased them, their own and was 12d. for a brother the power and clearness with which the painful their sisters' clothing. The tailors in despair for husband and wife. pictures are here delineated.

FREEWOMEN OF CITY COMPANIES. BY EMILY HILL.

reign of Henry VIII. out of the two ancient tailors consented to a compromise by the terms mysteries or guilds of sheermen and fullers, and of which women "were allowed to make tells thatin the first charters the sisters of the guild or mantles, and in some instances petticoats, but fraternity are recognised. One of its early under no consideration whatever were they to functions was to "search for bad work," but the import or deal in stays and other articles of custom fell into desuetude in the latter half of female attire." Surely this "toleration," as it the eighteenth century.

women at one time took a responsible part. | women's work is an "abuse." The Charter granted by Richard II. authorised the Master to give yearly a garment of one suit | petition to the craft craving liberty for mantle. | time rector of a Norfolk parish, and finally the to the brothers and sisters. The sisters with making. A "deputation" was appointed to the brothers were to hold the yearly feast of meet her, and the result of the palaver was the meat and drink, and to make ordinances among adoption of the following minute :--- "That she themselves for better government. The first | shall have only the privilege of mantua-making, mention of the Company in civic records is and no wise make stays or import the same to 1267. Its original Charter of Incorporation was sell from any other place." Some five or six servitude, but there is no record of their having granted by Edward III. Like the Fishmongers, other women were granted the same concession, it has established almshouses for the widows of but Rachel's signature was superior to any of unknown in the City of London. It has been a Freemen and Liverymen. There has not been the rest. a Freewoman of the Company since the be- Finding that there was no escape from grant- freemen of the City to present themselves at the ginning of the present century, but provision is ing these "privileges," the craftsmen cannily made for the indigent daughters of Freemen. proceeded to make them lucrative as revenue, The munificent sum of £190,000 was spent by and on November 7th, 1728, they decreed : the Company on technical education in the "That the trade taking to their consideration decade 1870.80. Girls, unfortunately, never that the number of women mantua-makers in this at the City Chamberlain's office, but refus obtain the benefits of this instruction in a pro- borough is very much increasing, and that the be enrolled, and the cause of her refusal (a. portion at all adequate to their numbers. The same is a very great hurt and prejudice to complaint against her mistress) was marked on Company has also established girls' schools in this trade, do thereby statute and ordain that her indentures. In modern times no female

Aberdeen, about two centuries ago, is not a for such tolerance 24s. yearly without any their term, they would be qualified to take up little amusing and significant. In Scotland mitigation or defalcation whatever." In April, their freedom through servitude, though such a the Guilds held a less preponderating position 1734, the rate was raised to £30 Scots for the step would be regarded as unprecedented. And than in England. They did not even possess daughter of a burgess and £4 sterling for an they might do this either through presentation by the power of electing, but only attested as to unfreeman's daughter. There is also an entry a Company or through having served as an apprenthe qualifications of a candidate, the election on November 7th, 1728, relating to Janet Pirie, tice, bound according to the custom of the resting with the Town Council. But over any a shipmaster's daughter, who was ordered to City of London. Supposing such a claim were person plying their particular trade in their pay 15s. yearly to the tradesbox-master, "(1) to be made, what alarms would immediately city or town they were truly hawk-eyed. In only to employ women ; (2) only to make gowns fill the air ! What outwork of defence, it would Aberdeen the tailors organised themselves about and petticoats for women, and to make or doubtless be asked, was there between the the end of the 15th century. One of their mend no other kind of women's cloaths; and Freedom and the Livery? Would not women express objects for combining was, says the she shall not make or mend any kind of men's seize this opportunity to slip on to the Parliahistorian of The Merchant and Craft Guilds, cloaths; (3) the said Janet Pirie is not to im- mentary register, and even become electors of "to exclude females from exercising any branch port or sell any kind of stays whatsoever." It the Sheriffs, the City Chamberlain and the of the craft. The tailors claimed the monopoly has been said quite lately that if all the corsets Lord Mayor? of making all kinds of garments, both male and were burnt half the doctors in Great Britain But not to linger on this mere baseless female, and. . . . it was only after a keen might emigrate. Aberdonian ladies, at least, fabric of a vision, is there any practical loss to struggle that the craftsmen granted women even might fairly reply that the manufacture of these themselves or anyone else resulting from the the privilege of making certain articles of female instruments of ill-health was for many gene- lady members ceasing to share in the governattire." Thus women were not to be suffered rations the jealously guarded monopoly of men. ment of the Companies ? These are now to use any skill or taste they might possess

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ness to women; and we can hardly wonder a partial concession that was made. "Women carefully include both sexes. Here is a specishare in their special privileges."

With true Scottish grit the Aberdonian "gude wives" stuck to their claim-the right of awarded." The fee for admission to the feasts making, if so it pleased them, their own and was 12d. for a brother, 8d. for a sister, and 20d. at this contumacy appealed to the magistracy, but their worships declined to interfere on the repute; in the country the alewife was as ground that the demand by a female to make mantles was unprecedented. Several prosecu- which indicated the windows of her house. tions, however, were undertaken, and there was Skelton, the Poet Laureate in the reign of Henry great cavilling and debating, but the women THE Clothworkers' Company was formed in the stuck so determinedly to their needles that the ale-wife of London," the subject of what is was termed, must have been the lineal ancestor The Merchant Tailors is a Company in which of the Trade Unionism which decrees that

In 1717 one Bachel Baxter presented a

those women who wish for the future to be apprentices have presented themselves, but

even in clothing their own persons. Some almost entirely in the hands of women, and the of wealth, with an invested revenue of some women had the presumption to attempt to very name of the trade, guild, or company, £200,000, and a large amount of non-trust set up as mantle makers. This prospect filled which was incorporated under the last of the property, out of which about £100,000 the tailors of Aberdeen with dismay. They Lancastrians, assumed the feminine form- a year is spent on entertainments, and resisted what they regarded as the invasion of Brewster. The old enactments show that £150,000 on benevolent objects. It is their rights long and fiercely, but finally hed to women were regarded as regular traders, and quite possible that if women by any miracle give way, although even to the last it was only the provisions for payment of penalties always recovered their privileges as "sistern" they

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same in Westchepe. Any woman unable or unwilling to pay must have such punishment

In London the trade was reckoned one of low regular an institution as the "red lattice' VIII., made "Eleanor Rummin, the famous considered the most comic of his verses. He

" She dwelt in Sothay In a certain steed, By side Lederhede.

The poem-if such it may be called-is valued for its picture of village life, given with Dutchlike minuteness, but modern ideas find it difficult to reconcile the coarse rigmarole with the office of tutor to the Heir Apparent, a one Poet Laureate of England.

In olden days when, as in the Drapers' Company, female members took apprentices, there seems no reason why women should not have acquired their freedom sometimes by done so in modern times, and the custom is long-established regulation for apprentices to City Chamberlain's office within 12 months from the time of being bound, otherwise they were not enrolled as apprentices. In the 16th or 17th century there was a girl who appeared The story of the stiff fight which the women | tolerate to work at mantua-making by the trade | there is nothing to prevent their doing so. If had with the Tailors' Guild, or Company, of shall pay yearly to the boxmaster of this trade they were bound, duly enrolled, and served

The brewing within the City was at one time generally looked upon as venerable repositories

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Queen's College, that boys had sisters.

body politic it is not easy to realise the influence they formerly exercised. England, according to Brentano, was the birthplace of guilds, and London their cradle. The London guilds were the oldest and most influential in the world, and at an early period they obtained a mastery in the municipality. Thus membership of these fraternities, or Companies, as they were afterwards called, was the equivalent of participation in responsible citizenship, and was of far greater returnable; both plans have advantages. But significance three or four centuries ago than

their present representatives, the City Companies, survive in vigour so far as they have shown a capacity to adapt themselves to new environments, a faculty on which ancient institutions depend for their effectual subsistence. one clause. An enormous number of persons But the spirit of banding together for mutual find themselves unable or unwilling to continue help which gave rise to the religious, social, and the payments throughout life, and so a large protrade guild, the fraternity or company, and the portion of policies fall in, and the money that has society, league, union and committee of the present day, remains the same, and its persis- It is easy to see how this might affect a working tence through the centuries from the times of woman. She is in good employment, and good the Roman Collegia and the Greek Eranoi is health, and, for all she can tell to the contrary, evidence of its essential correspondence with is likely to remain so. Therefore she starts paying primary and unalterable instincts of human (say) £10 a year. But illness comes, or trade nature

THE FUTURE OF WOMEN WHO WORK.

By EDITH A. BARNETT.

IV.-BUYING AN ANNUITY.

which are, perhaps, the best of all forms of investment for working women who have to depend on themselves. Everybody knows that they are reckoned on two plans, and the purchaser can take her choice between them. On the non-returnable scale, if she dies she gets nothing who lay much stress on that fact seem to for-

cannot be bought for 6d. here or elsewhere. Yet "safe" is a relative term, and there are many sound offices safe enough for practical pur poses, though of course none of them can offer security like that of the British Government. And for working women who know little of business, and who sometimes invest their savings very foolishly on the chance recommendation of this friend or that, there is nothing like Government security. It is not so important to get a large pension as it is to get a

might endeavour to divert some of that £100,000 in is paid out again in a lump, so that all anxiety able world can be. Speaking generally, it per annum from dinners to the secondary or about funeral expenses and doctor's bills, and may be said that it cannot be bought for less. technical education of girls. It would probably the like, is lifted. The poor make a great point There are no bargains to be picked up in such occur to them, as it did to the founders of of this, and have often a real horror of being wares. Of course there are other places than buried at anyone's expense but their own. the Post-office where an annuity can be They do not mind being kept by the parish bought, deferred or immediate, as the fancy dominance they once had as members of the while they are alive, but they hate the thought takes the purchaser. But if they are safe, of being buried by the parish when they are and if they are not charitable, the price is dead. Middle-class feeling for the most part everywhere much the same. A shillingsworth acts the other way, perhaps because the paupers' funeral has to them never been a real possibility. But the lump sum down at death is valued by those who have relations dependent, or partly dependent, upon them. Any person buying a deferred annuity can choose whether it shall be returnable or nonthere is another point to be considered, where the advantage lies entirely upon one side. It Guilds have become things of the past, and is never wise for working women to buy certain provision for the future. according to a plan where if the payments are As for charity, there are annuity schemes in

not kept up the whole benefits lapse. connection with many institutions. In such Many societies are able to offer advantages cases a certain sum is generally added to every which sound considerable on account of this pound saved by the annuitant herself, and the whole sum is invested in Government securities; but that is charitable, not commercial. It is an excellent form of charity in many persons' opinion; it is on precisely the same plan as the been paid is entirely lost to her who has paid it. twopence added by the district visitor to every shilling saved in her Clothing Club. Other special schemes come as part of wages; there are pension schemes under the Local Government Board, a certain percentage of salaries being retained and set to the superannuadisaster. She loses a limb or her eyesight. Now more than ever she needs a prospect of a tion account, and Post Office clerks get pensions pension to look forward to in old age, and per- after a certain length of service. These plans do haps she has already paid more than half not always work to the advantage of women, the cost of her hoped for pension. Yet who leave their employment when they marry, whereas the men, marrying, stick only more to continue paying £10 a year is imposclosely to it. Other schemes are a mixture of sible It is all she can do to continue to commerce and goodfellowship-as, for instance, live. And she has no friends nor relathe Clergy Sustentation Fund, started at the YET, in buying a pension or an annuity it tions to help her, and does not know same time as the Church House, or at least is possible to so arrange that one must get one's how or where to borrow the money except under the enthusiasm of that same movement. money's worth one way or another. Take the at exorbitant rates of interest. The pay-To it large sums have been bequeathed, and deferred annuities granted at any Post Office, ments drop and the whole affair is at an end. I am drawing no imaginary picture; such many men have joined for good fellowship's sake who do not intend to claim the benefits. things happen daily. And any scheme con-It would be ungrateful to end an article upon taining such provision should be shunned by unnuities and pensions, saying nothing about the the working woman.

According to the returnable scale, the bare excellent opportunities offered to women by the

money paid in may be withdrawn at any Norwich Union Life Office. Other insurance back of all that she has put in. And people time; but that is not what we need. Such a offices have already taken or will probably take lump sum is too apt to be withdrawn in up similar schemes, but the Norwich Union was get that in no case can a dead person get time of stress, and to be spent on daily life, first in the field, and its schemes being cleverly anything back, though her relations may. Pro- and then there is nothing to look forward to. planned to fall in with the needs and even with vided she has nobody dependent upon her, and The best plan is where the annuitant cannot get the prejudices of the public, it is well worth leaves enough to pay the charges of her last her money out, but if she must cease her pay. while to enter into them in some detail. illness and her funeral, what more does she ments gets such proportion of the annuity as she In the first place, old age pensions, or deferred

want? Why should she stint and scrape in has already paid for. Suppose she has intended annuities, are granted, the annual payments for order to have a chance of leaving some of her to get a pension of £50 a year at age 55, and she the same being less than under the Post Office hard-earned money behind her? And then a has paid half her premiums when she comes to scheme. But a notable point is that, though these deferred annuity, bought on the non-return- a standstill; she just gets £25 a year on her pensions can be bought by women for themselves able scale, can hardly be thrown away or got rid 55th birthday; there is nothing more to pay at any age, they are specially offered to fatheres, of; it remains fixed as fate, and whether the and there is an end of the matter. Of course who, earning an income that dies with them, annuitant be married or single, whether she be one has to pay a little more for such a chance, wish to make sure that their daughters will never poor or rich, when the clock strikes 50 or 55 but it is well worth paying for. It is not so well come to want in the far future. For instance, or 60 the pension begins, to supply those com- worth while to pay for the army of agents and an annual payment of £6 16s. from the forts or those necessaries that old age demands, collectors who at cottage doors gather in the birth of a girl till she is 25, secures and knowing what customs prevail in families payments that are due. Anyone can see that a pension of £52 from her fifty-fifth as to money matters, it is quite safe to assert all these men must be paid wages, and that birthday. But every father hopes that his that there are few women, married or single, their wages must come out of the general funds daughter will marry, and marry a man who can who would be indifferent to the pleasure of of the society, and that, therefore, so much keep her, so there is always the option of taking having a nice little sum paid to them quarterly less is left to pay away to the general public. at 25 the sum of £250, or any part of it, down through the Post Office, for which they had to As for the proper price of an annuity, for any instead of the whole or a part of the pension. It thank nobody and to give account to no man. sum fixed upon, and to begin at any age selected, might come in as a dowry, or even to set up in A pension on the returnable plan costs more, that may be found in a penny book to be business with. Should the girl die before 25 as indeed it should, inasmuch as it acts like a bought, or on a leaflet given away gratis, at any the annual payments are returnable; should pension and life insurance combined. In the Post-office. Here is the market price of an she die after 25, yet before 55, when her penevent of death the money that has been paid annuity, as certain as anything in this change. sion falls due, the whole of the dowry of £250

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is payable to her representatives. The dowry LETTER FROM MISS officers as well as other women of high standwho have Anglo-Indian relations, fatherless

marry. years of age, means an annuity of £1 a week, enough, so good it is, and then for yours. to begin at 55. Of course, it will be said, and We are greatly encouraged by tokens that the The success of the Duxhurst enterprise is a truly, that few working women can easily spare situation in Turkey is being ameliorated. Our great encouragement, not only to you, but to us, £10 a year out of their earnings. Yet there are papers may not have correct information, but who shall be able I hope, ere long, to enter upon two ways of putting everything. Which is better we read of 2,000 Armenians released from the a similar undertaking. for a girl to have a certain income of £1 a week loathsomeness of Turkish prisons, and we You will be glad to know that the Armenians, all her life long, or to have 24s. a week while observe that there are no new massacres in four hundred or more in number, who were sent she was young, and after 55 nothing? We these last weeks, but we well know the terrible to America from Marseilles, have all found should not hesitate for a moment which we need of the Armenians is not appreciably homes and are doing well. If I could write out would choose for any girl we care for, and yet that lessened by the new policy—if such a policy the beautiful and pathetic facts that come to choice is actually laid before every woman who exists. Therefore, we are doing all we can to me in private letters from those who have earns a fair income. Easily spared the money raise money, and with encouraging results, but received them, the recital would deeply stir will certainly not be, yet it might be spared for the recent bank failure in the west will hinder your hearts, and would be most creditable both all that. And it does not do to forget that even us, and winter is now closing around us in to hosts and guests. a pound a week through life is much more than earnest, though the skies are bright and there each woman would get if all the wealth of the sa life-giving "tingle" in the air. country were divided up share and share alike. Another special offer is made by the thought-

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Some, whose ideas are magnificent, say that no has already passed the Legislature once in ideas are modest, declare that no woman needs rate, it is a "live" question in that great mining so much. But the point, as it would seem, is State; also that there is every reason to expect this: so long as we live, we must live at some- that it will be submitted a second time in Calibody's charges, and the best is to live at our fornia at the earliest possible moment. The

(To be continued.)

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retired sea-captain had been made poor steward at the Wesleyan Chapel, and part of his duties was to prepare the elements of water and wine for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. After poor steward and asked what kind of wine it

of ten, the man who has learned to contemn contempt. Miss Maria Edgeworth made a true remark long ago when she observed that no bear to be laughed at.

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FRANCES E. WILLARD.

Civil Service commonly drawing a pension ful that you are going on with our paper. It in every town and village; also to arrange for while single, or having a dowry when they would be a calamity to woman's cause if it scientific instruction whereby the highest of all should be discontinued, and all the more since callings, that of maternity, shall be entered Or, taking the case of a woman grown, who so much brains and money have been invested upon with a better knowledge of its sacred wants to assure herself of maintenance in old in it by both yourself and "our Ladye." I read meaning to the individual and the race. age, a payment of £10 16s. yearly, begun at 20 it joyfully, for its own sake, which is reason We are rejoiced to learn that all goes well

the great leader of our Suffrage hosts in this it has in it the true philosophy of life: ful officials of the Norwich Union to those ladies | country, has just been spending a day or two who wish to buy a pension, but cannot make up with us in the pleasant cottage where Miss their minds to say how old they are. It appears Gordon's mother and sisters also are with that these form a large class, but they will me, besides herself and our stenographers. surely not be many among the readers of the Miss Anthony will be 77 years old in February, but she alighted from the These few figures are taken from Miss carriage with the step of a girl and took with us O'Conor Eccles' pamphlet, "Unendowed the gymnastic exercises (in which we are wont Daughters," very profitable reading, and to be to engage before sunrise) with amazing vigour had at any of the offices of the Norwich Union. and skill. She told me that the constitutional Of course the figures will be found fault with. amendment giving the full franchise to women woman can live on so little. Others, whose Nevada, Oregon, and, I think, Montana; at any plan is to secure a large group of the Western States, which will not be difficult, as the sentiment is constantly growing, and the influence of the four States in which we now have the franchise is extending to those that are adjacent. Then an effort will be made to secure from Our Pribate Adbertizement Column. Congress the submission of an amendment to the National Constitution, which, being ratified by three-fourths of the States, will become law. The Jubilee of the Women Suffrage workers will occur next year, when it will be fifty years since the first Convention in the world was held to discuss the individual life and opportunities of woman. That will be a grand occasion, and I wish some of our gifted English workers might be with us. I wonder if in England the flags have ever been placed at half mast when a woman died, except she were a member of the Royal Family? That merited honour has recently been paid to Mrs. Letitia Youmans, the White Ribbon Pioneer of Canada, who died in Toronto, and still later to Mrs. Sarah B. Coonner of San the National Constitution, which, being ratified to discuss the individual life and opportunities of woman. That will be a grant over an and I wish some of our gifted English workers and (who

SACRAMENTAL WINE.—In a Cornish village, a That merited honour has recently been paid to Mrs. Letitia Youmans, the White Ribbon still later to Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper, of San the evening service the minister, noticing that Francisco, Calif., also a W.C.T.U. woman the wine had a peculiar smell, beckoned the and founder of its system of its Free Kinderwas. "Whiskey and water, sir?" said the steward. "Whiskey and water, sir?" said the steward. "Whiskey and water, sir?" repeated the horrified minister. "Yes, sir, the wine was all finished, and I thought anything would do of reaction upon one's environment which is the THE successful individual is, in nine cases out face of the earth from a desert to a garden. chief characteristic of men, and is changing the

We are soon to have a "Congress of Mothers" -the first of which I have knowledge. It is E. 195. A DVERTISER of Library under above man ever distinguished himself who could not called by the wife of the Vice-President of the

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ing. Its purpose is to arouse the mothers of daughters of men in the Indian Army or Indian My DEAR MRS. FENWICK MILLER,—I am thank- their high destiny, and to form a Mothers' Club the nation to a more intelligent realisation of

May I send you a New Year motto that has helped me much, and which I am forwarding to Miss Susan B. Anthony, for nearly fifty years my friends as widely as I can? To my mind

' Forenoon and afternoon and night-Forenoon, And afternoon, and night-Forenoon, and-What?

The empty song repeats itself. No more? Yea, that is life; make this forenoon sublime, This afternoon a psalm, this night a prayer,

And time is conquered and thy crown is won." An ingenious method comes to us from Pennsylvania, where each local union was requested to hold one parlour meeting, and to take a collection for the state society. I believe there are about 500 local unions in the state, and the result was they raised enough money to pay the President's salary for a year. Might it not be a good plan to make this request to get funds for another cottage at Duxhurst? But this letter is spinning out too long, so with best New Year greetings,-I am, yours loyally,

Castille, N.Y. FRANCES E. WILLARD. Jan. 7th, 1897.

Dress.

A. 237. LADIES' UNDERCLOTHING, nice white calico, trimmed, bodices, knickers and chemises. A nice present, sold at little over cost price of material. Write for list

A 241. MOURNING. New blue cloth Costume

F. 118. MAID, disengaged, wishes to take a maid's place to one lady. Can travel. Dressmaking. Three years' reference.

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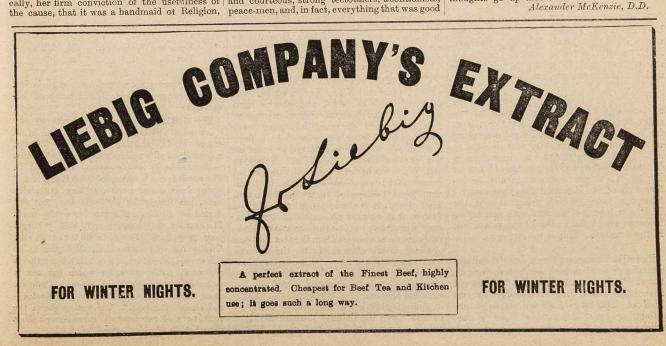
She kept no record of her work until the year 1848, and then, taking a retrospect, she says, "In the year 1835 I was endeavouring to the best of my ability to discharge the duties devolving upon me as a wife, a mother, and a Christian in the town of Whitehaven. The serene composure of mind and the tranquil joy derived from such occupations were often interrupted by hearing sad tales of woe, or witnessing scenes of suffering and degradation occasioned and entailed by the curse of and entailed by the curse of visit Dumfries and lecture there. Large and

and while we heard the cry of the broken-hearted widow, the wail of the orphaned children or convicted son, custom had so reconciled our feelings to the state of society that no special effort was made to check or relieve it. "But about this time, 1835, the Total Abstinence cry was raised. We had at first not merely to advocate total abstinence, but to define and defend it. This I had done in private with considerable success. In the small circle in which I moved good had been done. Often was I cheered by the sight of husbands who had been made sober, wives who had been made happy, and children who were clothed and educated through my efforts. On all sides I was solicited to extend the sphere of my labour, and use my influence in public as well as private. After some de-libertion I agreement of my labour, and use my influence in public as well as private. After some de-libertion I agreement of my labour, and use my influence in public as well as private. After some de-libertion I agreement of my labour, and use my influence in public as well as private. After some de-libertion I agreement of my labour, and use my influence in public as well as private. After some de-libertion I agreement of my labour, and use my influence in public as well as private. After some de-libertion I agreement of my labour, and use my influence in public as well as private. After some de-libertion I agreement of my labour, and use my influence in public as well as private. After some de-libertion I agreement of my labour, and use my influence in public as well as private. After some de-libertion I agreement of my labour, and use my influence in public as well as private. After some de-libertion I agreement of my labour, and use my influence in public as well as private. After some de-libertion I agreement of my labour, and use my influence in public as well as private. After some de-libertion I agreement of my labour, and use my influence in public as well as private. After some de-libertion I agreement of my labour and in public as well as private. After some de-liberation I consented, but confined my labours introduction from old and valued friends of the o my own town.'

public meeting she declined, fearing her in- different places. but her husband, with love's keen When that unparalleled work of Mrs. Beecher insight, formed a just estimate of her powers, and urged her to do so, saying, "If you will give a teetotal lecture I'll sign the teetotal pared more than one lecture on "Uncle Tom's ability. She durst not refuse, and thus her Cabin, or English and American Slavery first public lecture was given.

Society

the audience, and stated meekly, but energeti-cally, her firm conviction of the usefulness of and courteous, strong teetotalers, abolitionists, the cause, that it was a handmaid of Religion, peace-men, and, in fact, everything that was good



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cause. During her stay of fifteen months in When Mrs. Jackson was first asked to address America she visited and lectured in many

The minutes of "the Old Temperance ociety" give a graphic account of that meet-t. Little did any present think how mo-

Society "give a graphic account of that meet-ing. Little did any present think how mo-mentous would be the result. "Mrs. Jackson was present and was asked by the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-ject. She came forward, amid the applause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-ject. She came forward, amid the applause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-ject. She came forward, amid the applause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-ject. She came forward, amid the applause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-ject. She came forward, amid the applause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-ject. She came forward, amid the applause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-ject. She came forward, amid the applause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-ject. She came forward, amid the applause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-ject. She came forward, amid the applause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-plause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-plause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-plause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-plause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-plause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-plause of the chairman to state her opinion on the sub-ter opinion of the sub-ter opinion of the sub-ter opinion o

A PIONEER WOMAN TEM= and went before it, like John the Baptist, in and generous. They were instant in season and A PIONEER WOMAN TEM-PERANCE WORKER. THERE was a time in the history of Whitehaven when, in many a home, the name of Mary Jackson was a household word. No account of the early Temperance work would be complete without a reference to her life and labour. She kept no record of her work until the year 1848, and then, taking a retrospect, she

From her stay in America Mary Jackson re turned to her home with renewed energy and

In 1855 she wrote : " My husband, who has kept a record from my correspondence, tells me that at my various meetings 26,000 have signed

And in 1838 she responded to an invitation to visit Dumfries and lecture there. Large and crowded meetings were held, and many signed the total electine relation of the group of the second se intemperance. "It appeared to me like a mighty torrent, sweeping along with it all that was fair, lovely and Godlike into the ocean of intemperance, and while we heard the cry of the broken-hearted widow, the wall of the orphaned chil-tures or the dogradue into the ocean of intemperance, hearted widow, the wall of the orphaned chil-tures or the dogradue into the ocean of the trust in the result that during the month 538 signa-tures over obtained.

Forgetful of the highways rough, Forgetful of the thorny scourge,

Forgetful of the tossing surge, Then shall we find it is enough.

How can we say "enough" on earth-"Enough" with such a craving heart? I have not found it since my birth,

But still have bartered part for part. I have not held and hugged the whole, But paid the old to gain the new ;

Much have I paid, yet much is due, Till I am beggared sense and soul.

IF we look down, then our shoulders stoop. If our thoughts look down, our character bends. It is only when we hold our heads up that the body becomes erect. It is only when our thoughts go up that our lives become erect. Alexander McKenzie, D.D.

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SIGNALS FROM OUR WATCH TOWER.

In the ballot for places for private mema very good place for the Woman's Suffrage Bill, namely, seventh choice. Accidents apart, this ought to secure a debate and division during the present Session.

a statement in the daily papers to the effect that "the Parliamentary Committee that one would suppose that men were for Women's Suffrage" had held a meeting never disabled by a like cause. As a fact, at the House of Commons, and decided to the liability to illness is all but as great on ask Lord Templetown to introduce a the one as on the other side. Napoleon meant a body elected from amidst the The Alabama trouble with the United M.P.'s in favour of the Suffrage, and acting States, that caused so much disputation, in concert with the leaders of the movement and ultimately cost the country some in the country. This is not the case.

even those members of the infranchise-Lords who are in favour of the enfranchise-responsibility ! * * * ment of women would feel bound to vote against a Bill for altering the constitution the Upper House in the first instance.

mildly, but with a similar final result, only ask their women workers to regard the women's vote as "outside practical politics." At the annual meeting of the Hastings Bohemia) W.L.A., Miss Eyre gave an excellent address on general politics, and in advocacy of the woman's vote, but was followed Mr. Gardner Preston on "Liberal Principles," and he, as usual, instanced amongst them-"One man one vote." The hon. sec., Miss Duffield, courageously interposed-"One woman, one vote," to which the lecturer of that too; but that he "was only talking about what was within the range of practical politics." If all women's political meetings insisted on the vote for women being made "practical politics" as earnestly as was done on this occasion, men's notions of "Liberal principles" and their relationship to "practical politics" would soon and this is the election return :--* * *

Once again the sex classed out from the by seventeen women and only eleven men. The first place in the first class—the top of the list—belongs to a lady. Miss Elizabeth Abadi. In Classics, there are just as many women taking Honours as men (the male candidates sitting for examination being, of course, by far the more numerous) bers' Bills, Mr. Faithfull Begg has secured in History two women take Honours to every man, and in French there are five women to two men.

One so often hears as a serious argument Some of my readers may have observed against women holding public office, that they are liable to be ill, and absent from Woman's Suffrage Bill into the House of lost Waterloo because of that little bit of Lords. It might not unnaturally be in-cancer that rests to-day in a glass bottle in ferred that "the Parliamentary Committee" our Royal College of Surgeons' Museum. millions, arose entirely from the fact that one of the then law officers of the Crown was M.P.'s. The large Suffrage societies are altogether apart from this little clique, whose name is somewhat misleading.

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It is useless, and therefore worse than may be doubted if even illness could work useless, to introduce a Woman's Suffrage Bill into the House of Lords in the first place. The House of Commons is the only place in which a change in the repre-the stronger sex—the Professors in the sentative system can be initiated with University of that city. If these were all propriety, and in agreement with precedent women how we should be told that it proved in Reform Bills. On this ground alone, that "Woman" was too weak to bear a even those members of the House of strain, too delicate to be permitted to assume

The occupancy of a chair at Gilmorehill does of the House of Commons introduced into not carry with it complete immunity from "the thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to.' Principal Caird, though greatly recovered, is While some Liberal men who urge not yet permitted to officiate in the pulpit or vomen to work for that party, but not to the reading-desk. Professor Stewart, the clerk trouble its leaders with demands for a vote for themselves, do so on the frank ground Professor Ramsay still requires the aid of two that they are not desirous of having any sticks in his progress from house to class-room. power exercised by women, others, more Professor Gairdner was suffering last week from a severe cold. Professor Lodge is much troubled with asthma. Professor M'Kendrick is somewhat "run down." Professor Hastie, in patronising a motor-car, has met with a slight accident to one of his arms. Mons. Mercier, the French lecturer, has also been indisposed.

All over the world the readiness to accept the public services of women is a striking feature of the hour. Though women have responded that he was personally in favour not the Parliamentary vote yet in Victoria, a remarkable victory has been scored by the return in a public election of a greater number of ladies than of men to sit on what is called "The Board of Advice. This seems to fill to some extent the position of the English School Boards. In Melbourne, the Board consists of 7 members,

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| Fox, R | | 148 | |
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Thus, women members are in a majority. Commenting on this The Champion ob serves :--

The election was undertaken without any anti-man" feeling. The woman who of all others would probably be accused by the opponents of all "woman's movements " of that feeling, publicly and expressly disavowed it. The result is not a triumph for the "anti-man," temperance, social purity, or any other side issue, but simply for the main one that sex should be no disqualification for public work. The women who stood merely said, "Forget your prejudices. Don't be alarmed at the novelty (to you) of the idea. We offer to do The "Parliamentary Committee" is a high- too ill to attend to his papers one day, and this unpaid, unobtrusive, important, but hitherto sounding name adopted by a few persons hence the "opinion" that would have neglected, public work for which our sex is not in Parliament at all, and who have got their effort allied only to a dozen or two national loss and ill-will was too late. Thus, us on our merits with the male candidates—

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informs us that "that cankering worm, who were willing to serve their generation honestly think more would be beneficial, he -only that it is so) in the African Critic that devolutionising microbe, that terror-striking bacillus, that horrible caricature of the feminine gender, the New Woman, has claimed South Africa as her own, and is setting up her stronghold there." Then the multiple setting up her stronghold there." Then the multiple setting up her stronghold there is the multiple set of the mul the wrathful scribbler gives his evidences, plainest of the plain," could gain some thought necessary. as follows :-

phesy that before long the Franchise in the Garden Colony will be conferred upon women. And he has asserted that there are already women in the Colony who have a far better understanding of the political position, and of and noble-souled women, and comely Lady Elizabeth Biddulph, St the problems awaiting solution, than their hus-matrons who presided over well-kept Lawson, Canon Wilberforce, Canon Barker, bands, fathers, and brothers. I name Sir homes, revealed themselves in all parts of Rev. Newman Hall, Mr. R. W. Parks, be sufficiently expressive of the disgust I feel at years ago. such unmanly utterances. For what an upheaval of society there would be in Natal if the veiled

proficiency in the English, Dutch, French and appointed have special knowledge of the Greek languages, and thereafter for their ad- subjects. mission as translators to the Supreme Court of Cape Colony. On the latter occasion the Chief Justice of the Colony remarked that it was held success so far in literature. It is not to be by Voet that women could not be appointed as supposed that they are less capable of magistrates, nor employed in any civil or public writing fiction than Englishwomen, yet capacity; but Sir Henry de Villiers was of opinion that the office of translator to the As artists, they have been far more success-Court could not be held to be public or civil in ful. Rosa Bonheur ranks with the great Court could not be held to be public or civil in the sense used by Voet, and, therefore, herriette Ronner, and Louise Abbema, Henriette Ronner, and many more have granted the order for examination, leaving it for the Court to decide at a later gained real distinction. It appears from the date whether admission should be granted. These New Women, what do they care for Voet? [Yes, forsooth, what should they care for this ancient fossil, whoever he was, when he tells them, girls living in a colony under a any civil or public office."-ED. W. S.] Even the New Girl is on the war-path; the principal at the Bloemhof Seminary, Stellenbosch, has just resigned because the old maids of the future in her charge had coolly informed her that she did not set a good enough example. At this rate, "The Revolt of Man," assisted by ranging over all branches of the pictorial the real woman, against the sexless female fin art. de siècle, as pictured by Sir Walter Besant, cannot be far ahead. . . . I hope the advocates of the New Womanhood in South have been more favoured by Dame Nature.

Michael as a traitor to his sex ! I go further, and homes, revealed themselves in all parts of the work, M.P., and Mr. A. F. Hills (in the chair) stigmatise him as a betrayer of the Rights of or to vote, all the ancient fables went have always a great attraction for the Man! I am sorry to find it necessary to do as ghosts go at dawn-and now, you see, this, as I have a great regard for the Chief Jus- the visions of the "New Woman" are kept favourites at one meeting, representing not tice; but I have scanned the pages of every dic- to send out to Africa to balance the legends only all Temperance sections, but Church tionary and encyclopædia upon my bookshelves, (just as true) that friend Diodorus sent and Nonconformity alike, is an unusual tionary and encyclopædia upon my booksnelves, and could find no milder terms which would thence to civilisation some two thousand opportunity for those carrying on the work of Temperance reform. That part of the Some ladies have been appointed to sit tickets for which a charge of 5s., 3s., 2s., suggestion of the Chief Justice were adopted! Emancipate the women of the Colony! . . . Other incidents which show that the New Woman is already forcing her way to the front respectively appointed to enquire into the in South Africa are to be found in the fact that Education of Children of Defective Intelthe lady doctor has invaded Natal and the Rand; and in the application of two young of pupil-teachers. Girls as well as boys ladies for an order to be examined as to their are concerned in both cases, and the ladies

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Miss Beatty's appeal against the judg- devoting herself closely to her special ment given in the lower Court in favour of branches of study with the result that she Africa will bear in mind the fact that the New the Doctor who (as she alleges) performed has made a solid contribution to the sum of Woman is invariably the plainest of plain on her while under chloroform, an opera- human knowledge. women, and that she only joins the ranks of the tion that she had distinctly forbidden him Sisterhood because of her envy of those who to do, has been heard before three judges During the past three months no fewer and again given against her, and now only the Very interesting is the information in said to contemplate a final appeal there, than forty prosecutions (successful in every case but two) have been conducted against this quotation, and very, very funny in- and to be surprised at the large number of employers of women under the Factory. deed are the comments! It is out of ladies who have suffered from doctors in a Acts. It would be very valuable if the fashion now, this futile sex-arrogance, this similar way to herself, and who are now opinions of the women concerned could be pitiful vanity, these pointless threats—but willing to support her in her actions. It

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credit, just in the same way that other tales that he knew all about, for instance ! But

> Frenchwomen have had curiously little last census, however, that the French women artists. The provinces contribute most of 1.000 are novelists, 200 are poets, 150 educational writers, and the rest writers of various kinds. The artists comprise 107

From an unfriendly source, I am pleased it will show the girls of to-day what sort of would undoubtedly be a good thing if the to gather that at the Cape women are making some progress. An entertaining article (I cannot tell if it means to be funny women who wanted to earn a living in "new" ways, who desired the Franchise, carried, and that, even if the doctor does

A long and brilliant list of speakers for the great meeting at Queen's Hall, Langthat they used them for greatcoats, whom Diodorus Siculus described in the Africa gives to the gathering an interest and weight which is almost unprecedented. Somerset. Lady Elizabeth Biddulph, Sir Wilfred Temperance public. But to have all these Hall which is not free will be reserved by secretary of the Festival Committee) at 19, Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street.

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A correspondent asks for details about Lady Henry Somerset's recent accident. There is but little to tell. She was riding in her brougham close to Westminster Abbey when a horse in a large van got beyond the control of the driver, ran away, and dashed the van violently against Lady Henry's carriage. The blow threw her head in contact with the window frame, and caused a rather severe contusion and great momentary shock, but, happily, no serious mischief was done, and she is now practically well again.

The Royal Society has just published an returning themselves as authors are more numerous than are the artists. There are scopic and Systematic Study of Madrepostated to be in France 2,150 women authors rarian Types of Corals." Its writer is Miss and journalists, and about 700 women Maria Ogilvie, D.Sc., one of the few doctors of science. The number of women who Queen, that "women cannot be employed in the writers—about two-thirds—while Paris are devoting themselves to scientific pursuits is represented in the same proportion among the artists. Among the writers vet many whose original researches yet many whose original researches into comparatively unknown regions are considered worthy of a place in the Royal Society's annals. Dr. Ogilvie began to sculptors, and the others are painters, develop her special interest in Madreporaria while she was still a student at University College under Professor Ray Lancaster. Since then she has been

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TREASURES AND TROUBLES.

A DOMESTIC SCIENCE STORY FOR YOUNG MOTHERS.

CHAPTER V.

BEETHA knew fresh air to be no less necessary tion of strength, than food itself. The reason, indeed, why fresh air is necessary is precisely the same as that for which food is required. In the contest. the air there exists an element which must be strength, our vital force, and our animal heat.

tumbler, it will be seen that the flame almost between her sister and her nurse. immediately flickers, grows feeble, and then dies out altogether. This happens because the candle requires, for the maintenance of the flame, the same element (oxygen) in the air which we little strength to suck. Before the end of a journey from the village, in the same county, candle cannot burn after it has used up all the both mother and child, artificial feeding should The temptation to her to run home for a few

Whenever a mouthful of air is breathed, a certain proportion of that necessary elementoxvgen—is removed from it, and a certain quan tity of another material, the product of the waste of the body, is added to the atmosphere. The consequence is that the air in a close room becomes, by being breathed, gradually deprived of the proper proportion of the life-preserving oxygen, and overburdened with the waste matter which is injurious to health. If any room were perfeetly air-tight, this process of subtracting the he would, no doubt, find it deficient in some of she had ever done in the days when they were oxygen and adding the waste from the lungs the necessary elements. It is by the effect on courting. She found herself dressing with a joy would end in the death of every person in the the baby that he judges, you know. Then, dear, in her heart, and an alacrity in her movements,

It is rarely, fortunately, that such a state of things actually occurs. The "Black Hole" of for baby, and it is too much strength for one so She half-laughed at her own "foolishness"; but Calcutta, the cabin of the ship Londonderry, delicate as you to spare." and one or two other instances of this terrible state of things actually arising, are on record to prove the accuracy of the conclusions that can be arrived at by scientific reasoning as to the both know you have not lived, since your diffuses more joy over the whole life, I know poisonous effects of continually re-breathing the same air.

But a less degree of such an evil state of things is by no means uncommon. The ignorant and the careless will neglect the ventilation of Bertha, cheerfully. "Babies do perfectly well, all other forms of outpourings of the heart. It their rooms. The air is thus breathed over I know, if they are properly brought up by is a relation between equals, like friendship, but and over again, with only the chance fresh hand; and if he gets on all right, I am sure you far closer and more complete; it has the prosupplies that creep in under the doors, or upon ought to feel glad that he will not depend too tective devotion of parental love, with the their occasional opening. Yet the mischief of much upon you. If you nursed him, you know, blissful feeling of perfect reciprocation; it has the breathing air partially destroyed by having you would have to be with him nearly all the pride and ease, without the certainty of being peen breathed before, is the same in kind as time, or else you would both suffer. It would the evil which results in death in an extreme be much worse for baby and you both if you might a great woman who died unmarried,

This evil is of a twofold description. In the life as well." first place, the air which has been previously breathed does not contain sufficient quantities of the life-preserving oxygen, and therefore an insufficient supply of it is received into the if you were away for three or four hours at a is not removed, through the lungs, in sufficient quantity when the air already contains too when you did get to bed? Oh, no! My dear, tion taught her the lesson. much of it, and the blood remains, therefore, don't fret; I am sure if a mother cannot give overburdened with it.

A low state of health, and a feeling of general interests to fairly take to bringing it up by MRS. BURTON sat placidly reading in her malaise, are the least of the consequences of all hand." this upon the constitution. Tendency to lung "Well, I hope he will do all right, then I she had just dined with her husband and Dr. complaints, headaches, lack of energy, want of shall be able to take your 'all for the bes ' appetite, are some of the more definite view." symptoms which follow.

again in a sick person, and for this a full find out exactly how science says he is to be supply of pure air is particularly necessary. Bertha vainly tried to persuade her sister's old nurse to this effect, but so obstinately did herself ready to learn. She knew the question the old woman refuse to allow her patient to of the proper way to feed an infant to be too run the risk of "catching her death of cold," and "driving the milk in," and half a dozen other terrific consequences that might be exfor the maintenance of health, and the restora- pected from a window being opened to let in two problems to be considered; and it is hard the summer air for a quarter of an hour together to say which is the more important one. The

She gave it up, that is to say, to the extent of Upon the first point science can speak with taken into the frame, through the lungs, to mix with the solid elements which are taken in afternoon hours when the nurse was taking her afternoon hours when the nurse was taking her analyse the child's natural food, breast milk; in the shape of food; and out of the combina- nap. Bertha knew that even worse than an and surely no argument is necessary to prove tion, not out of the food alone, comes all our insufficient supply of fresh air would be the that the artificial food should approach this as agitation of mind which would follow if Elfie

Mrs. Crofton was not very well, for all Mrs. Wynter's watchful care. The baby, too, was definite conclusion here also. weakly. It cried much, and seemed to have require for the support of our life. Just as the week, the doctor ordered that, for the sake of where Mrs. Wynter was staying with her sister air, so we cannot continue to exist if we are be resorted to. Mrs. Crofton had not the milk to

up the attempt to do so.

'Why cannot I ? " she asked pathetically.

darling," said Bertha, sympathising in the bitter disappointment. "How does he know? I am sure there

seems to be enough."

the doctor thinks you are not strong enough to with the thought that she was going to see him bear the drain. The milk is not good enough for an hour, that fairly took herself by surprise.

Elfie, with a sigh.

said. sadly.

"Would it ?" asked Elfie, doubtfully.

herself up to her baby, it is better for the baby's

Fresh air is never more necessary than to an must not talk any more. I am going to take finished. invalid. The constitution has to be built up the young gentleman in hand at present, and There was a gentle tap at the door, and

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fed. Trust him to me."

Mrs. Wynter was quite wise enough to declare important to be decided upon blindly and ignorantly.

In bringing a baby up "by hand," there are several times daily, that Mrs. Wynter gave up | two questions are-what to give the infant, and how to give it?

closely as possible. The second point needs to If a burning candle be confined under a glass were disturbed by any difference of opinion be decided with a view to more details. The question is more complicated. Still, proper thought and knowledge will lead to a pretty

Restingham was only half an hour's railway arr, so we cannot contribute to that it is an antiparticle of the second hours, to consult her counsellors, her husband baby, felt hurt at being told that she must give had grown used to spare her mamma for an hour or two together. She might get hungry, certainly; but Bertha thought, on the whole, "Because you would starve the dear baby, she could very well manage a brief run to her home, especially if she went in the evening. after her baby had settled off to sleep.

This was the first time she had been separated from her husband for as much as a week since "But it clearly does not appear to be good their marriage. She longed to see him now, enough, love. If the doctor were to analyse it, after the six weeks' separation, more even than none the less did she happily rejoice. It was the "I never used to be called delicate," said poor fact that she and her husband were married lovers still; and if there be a sweeter relation, or "No, you were not a delicate girl; but we one that more satisfies all the emotions, and marriage, as you used to do," replied her sister. not which it is. Wedded love is based upon a "It is a great disappointment to me," Elfie community of interests and a certainty of the permanence of that community which is denied "I daresay it is for the best, dearest," said to any other tie. It joins in one the charms of supplanted, of fraternal affection. Justly tried to nurse him and to keep up your outdoor | but who had loved warmly and abundantly in all other family relationships, Harriet Martineau, declare-"When I see what conjugal love is, "Certainly; because then he would be de- in the extremely rare cases in which it is pendent upon you. And see how he would suffer seen in its perfection, I feel that there is a power of attachment in me that has never been system. In the second place, the waste matter time. Then at night; if you were out late, how touched." Bertha Wynter had hardly known could you bear to have your night's rest broken how she loved her husband till a brief separa-

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drawing-room. It was past seven o'clock : Wynter, but both the medical gentlemen were at work again, seeing the evening patients-"Oh, he will do well enough. Now, you for a doctor's work is, like a mother's, never

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Bertha Wynter appeared, much to her old friend's surprise. But her bright expression showed that it was not serious misfortune which had so unexpectedly brought her to the town. 'Why, my dear, this is a surprise ! "

"I have only come for some advice and to see people," Bertha exclaimed. "I am going back by the nine train. Oh, Mrs. Burton, is John here?'

"No. dear : he has gone to your home, to see the natients there."

'I was in hopes that I might catch him before he left after dinner. I hope he has had his dinner, Mrs. Burton ? "

"Oh, yes, dear! Don't be afraid for him. look after him, as I have had to do for my own doctor for forty years past. But you will have time to run home to see him, will you not?" "I couldn't go away without seeing him, I

am sure! But as I shall not have time to come back here, may I ask what I want you to advise me about now? " " By all means, dear."

"It is about feeding-bottles. My sister must not nurse her baby, her doctor says, and so I shall have the responsibility of starting the DISFIGUREMENT of INDIAN CHILDlittle one with his new food. "

"You do quite right, dear, to call it a responsibility. Artificial feeding may be almost as healthy as-in a good many cases, more healthy than-the mother's; but if it be carelessly done, it is ruinous to the child-either killing it quickly, or spoiling its digestion and its health for as long as it lives." "You do advise a bottle, don't you?"

"Certainly. It is the natural thing for an infant to take its food by sucking. While its food is fluid, a spoon would not only be apt to hurt the poor little tender lips, but also the really had enough to eat, and the nurse would be apt to become impatient of the number of times she ought to feed it in the day; so that would generally be half starved."

"I remember reading somewhere," said Bertha, "that a pap-boat, with a rubber teat over the mouth, was better than a bottle."

"What was the reason given, my dear?" "First, that it was more easily kept clean, and next, that the nurse had to keep the child up in her arms while giving the food."

'The first is a fallacy, my dear; I shall show you in a minute that it is perfectly easy to keep a proper feeding-bottle clean; and, of course, a bad nurse, a reckless, dirty woman, can let a feeding-boat get clotted with stale. sour food as much as a bottle. As to the second point-why, a baby is not intended to be 'kept up' while it is taking its milk. We should follow nature as far as ever we can ; that is the golden rule for artificial feeding; and nature has a dear baby laid down and cuddled up to take its food.'

"The bottle seems to me the most convenient and reasonable, but I thought I should like your opinion."

"The great evils that result from the use of feeding-bottles, my dear, arise wholly from carelessness and mismanagement. There is carelessness first about buying them, and then about keeping them clean. It goes without saying that it is much more trouble to bring a baby up properly by hand than in the natural way."

is to prosper. Ah, me! I wonder how many thousands of babies are murdered every year by bad feeding and soothing syrups? (To be continued.)

figurement of widows below sixteen, with or OUR INDIAN SISTERS. without consent, a crime punishable under the MAKING ATONEMENT FOR THE MEN. Indian Penal Code. They would not fret at the ANOTHER feature of the Ganpati festival, which law, but obey willingly and cheerfully, for that is not a new one, is the fact that on a certain will effectively give them the excuse they want day during the holiday every woman is supposed for setting at naught a custom the enforcement to fast the whole day. From early morning till of which on their daughters or wards is never a after she has had her bath on the following pleasure to them. And once society becomes morning, food or drink must not pass her lips. accustomed to see at least widowed girls remain This fast is most rigidly enforced in orthodox undisfigured, the way will be paved for the Hindu homes, and is looked upon as a vicarious rooting out of the entire custom .- Indian suffering on behalf of their husbands, that the Spectator. The Indian Spectator's suggestion that the lords of creation may enjoy health and prosperity. Child-wives and widows are not exempt, shaving of the heads of child-widows ought to and while to the healthy and strong this may be prohibited by penal legislation will comnot be injurious, yet much suffering is inflicted mend itself to all but those to whom their own on those who are out of health and are expectant preconceived notions of politics are more than mothers. Cases are not unknown where has the simplest dictates of humanity. We are even caused death. One such occurred not long satisfied that the mere passing of such an Act ago in the village of Saswad; a delicate girl-wife will be enough to put an end to the evil. There passed a day of much suffering, crying most of will not be much occasion to enforce it.—Indian the time, the next morning she swooned away Social Reformer. and died just as she seated herself to partake of her breakfast.-Bombay Guardian.

WOMEN IN AUSTRALIA.

In the matter of political privileges the women WIDOWS. the rest of Australia proper is now impending. With political equality, liberality in educational opportunities is always a matter of course. It may seem a little strange for people in the United States to know that ung women studying in the universities, nearly all of which are open to them, are much more free and unrestrained than young women in the educational institutions of America. It is very sensibly taken for granted that a girl who has been able to pass the severe examinations which are necessary before she to the few rules of discipline, but beyond this she is in the fullest sense mistress of her own movements and accountable only to her own conscience. The work of the university is so fluence of no avail as a substitute for energy and application, that the girl student has little time to seek forbidden fields, even if she had the inclination The value of education is generally recognised; and not less in the matter of the education of women. The woman who has trained mind and thought and understanding is not the less a woman, not less practical, as Miss MacDonald woman, not less practical, as Miss MacDonald pointed out in an eloquent address before the girl graduates of Melbourne, not less helpful, less truly womanly. Her mental training will render her better in all those ways. This will

WIDOWS. This is the year of the *Simhasta*, the year in which the Sun and Jupiter enter the constella-tion of Leo, a year sacred with the Hindus, tion of Leo, a year sacred with the Hindus, in which marriage and thread ceremonies cannot be performed, and in which the energies suspended in this direction are directed towards pilgrimages to the famous sacred places. Nassick carries the palm, at least on this side of India, in the number of pilgrims it attracts in this blessed year of the Simhasta. Amongst the various acts of piety and resignation performed by the banks of the lovely Godaveri is baby would be likely to get tired before it had the disfigurement of widows. These sacred places have a special love for oblations of the hair of males and females; of the former for the beyond the need of surveillance. She conforms hair of males and females; of the former for the deliverance into heaven of their dead fathers and between the three sources of difficulty the child mothers, and of the latter for the deliverance of their husbands. Of course, the greatest, the most pitiable sufferers are the child-widows, exacting, favouritism being unknown and innot only those who lost their husbands when they were still girls, and have since grown up in years, but even those who are widows and are not yet women. It is a special merit, a special necessity, to get shaved the heads of all the widows that are taken to the sacred places for the pilgrimage. The most feeling parent, the coy reformer, have all to give up their opposition: for they are sure to be excommunicated if they return from their pilgrimage without this "rite" of giving up the hair being duly performed. . . Disfigurement ought to be illegal. Hardly lives a widow who agrees to it

class and every individual in the community. of her free will and accord. It is the danger of she has studied more deeply the history and expression of human thought, and has learned

of her free will and accord. It is the danger of being looked down upon by her neighbours and relations of being unable to get for her some relations, of being unable to get for her son a ing of life which comes with the higher learning ing of life which comes with the higher learning the wife from a respectable family, or a good bride- may lighten the labours of the farmer and the groom for her daughter, that leads the widowed matron to make an heroic sacrifice—to succumb hold and train her children the better in that matron to make an heroic sacrifice-to succumb to the inevitable. For her there are at least these mature thoughts to console and mitigate these mature thoughts to console and mitigate her grief. But the widow of blooming years, or, obedience to them. her grief. But the widow of blooming years, or, worse still, the child-widow who is yet a child— what consolation is there for her; what thought, what philosophy, what resignation? She worse the principles of hattire's laws and the duty of obedience to them. The colonies will not go backward, and we shall see worked out in that far-off country problems over which we have deliberated and hesitated and finally weakly relinquished on the what philosophy, what together the second se other things it does not, consider it such consent as to excuse an assault and a hurt, "Of course it is." "But that trouble must be taken if the child the model is the child is the child is the protect all minors; for, taking things the model is the model is the model is the child is the model is th as they are, public opinion of itself will take a long time to put an end to this barbarity. Nay, many a parent, even orthodox ones, will inwardly bless Government if it makes the dis-

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start, and instead of receding they will fix higher standards, and we shall see, there in the antipodes, a government in which all the people equally participate, and in which political free-

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Current Relvs FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The annual meeting of the supporters of the Manchester Ladies' Health Society (in union with the Manchester and Salford Sanitary iation) was held on January 19th, in the Lord Mayor's parlour, at the Manchester Town Hall. The Lady Mayoress (Miss Roberts) occupied the chair, and there was a crowded attendance. Mrs. Hardie (the president of the Working Committee) read the 36th annual attendance. Mrs. Hardie (are present Working Committee) read the 36th annual report, which stated that the work of the society had gone on steadily. It was impossible to help deploring that four or five health visitors could not be engaged in place of each one who now worked in a district, also that four or five times as many ladies did not volunteer to super-times as many la Miss Beard having spoken, the Lady Mayoress moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet, and in the course of some remarks, said there was no doubt the society was doing a very good work. She noticed that the object of the society was to popularise sanitary knowledge among all classes. Those who worked in the slums of the city must know that there must be something to account for the fearful death-rate of the various districts that had been visited by the society during the past year. The death-rate of Angel Meadow was 50.9; that was a very terrible state of things. Surely there must be something wrong with that district that needed to come before the authorities in some way to be improved? The Lady Mayoress closed her remarks with an appeal for increased funds. Archdeacon Woos-nam, Dr. Annie Anderson, Mr. P. J. Ramsay, War Bedraf and Mire Dictained the source of the so Mrs. Redford, and Miss Phythian also spoke.

A meeting of ladies was held at Cardiff. on January 20th, under the auspices of the Cardiff Women's Liberal Association, when Mrs. Conwomen's Liberal Association, when Mrs. Con-way, of Llandaff, presided, and briefly introduced Miss Isabella Ford, of Leeds, who gave an address on Women's Suffrage. Miss Ford, who has done considerable work among tailoresses of the East End of London, advanced arguments in favour of the contentions that the position of women workers would not be improved until they were regarded as human beings, and they would not be regarded as human beings until their legal disabilities were removed.

Miss Fanny Crosby, the hymn writer, is more artistic in appearance and complicated in than seventy years of age. Though she has been blind almost from birth, she is always happy and cheerful. Among the hymns which she has written are "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and "Rescue the Perishing."

present day.

The total number of matriculated students in Glasgow University last year was 1,602, including 245 women. The number in the Faculty of Arts was 571; the Faculty of Science, 123; the Faculty of Divinity, 62; the Faculty of Law, 225; and the Faculty of Medi-cine 621. There is an increase of the faculty of Medicine, 621. There is an increase of 18 as compared with 1895, but a decrease of 499 compared with eight years ago. In 1889 the number of matriculated students was 2,101, but there has been a greater or less reduction almost every year since.

A most striking contrast was drawn by Sir Joshua Fitch, senior inspector under the Edu-

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the reign women had not only no University rights and privileges, but hardly any education as it is now understood, now the Univer-sities are practically all open, and almost every sities are practically all open, and almost every profession and an increasing number of public posts. "This," said Sir Joshua Fitch, "to my mind constitutes one of the greatest features of the reign of Onese Victorie the reign of Queen Victoria.

The Duchess of Fife has followed the example of her mother, and invested in a spinning wheel. And a very pretty one it is, of black walnut, mounted with brass, and, although a hundred years old, still in excellent working condition. With this wheel the Duchess spins her yarn, which she afterwards knits into golf stockings

to oust them from the work.

Mrs. French Sheldon, the African explorer, Mrs. French Sheldon, the Ahrcan explorer, in her lecture "From Sultan to Sultan," narrates how the natives, after eating a mango, invari-ably made a little mound of earth and planted the seed. She was told that they planted thus in order that a brother account of the seed.

accomplishments. It is a kind of lace with long fringes, and, in the rougher sorts, is used for netting and for hammocks. Often it is highly

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A curious custom, known as Quaaltaih, is usual, sweeping it to the door. It would be con-sidered a most grievous affair if the latter were done, as the good fortune of the family would thereby be thought to be sweet from home for thereby be thought to be swept from home for the year. Nor must any light be taken out of the house, or a death would be certain to occur before the expiration of the ensuing twelve months. It is also thought an unlucky omen if a female, or a light or red-haired person, however he the fort without on the down

* * * Inst lady-in-waiting on his new majesty. He is very pretty, very gracious and good. I am getting works have come out on strike for no benefit of their own, but merely to help the men. These same men only a little while ago were loudly complaining that women and girls were gradually superseding them in the trade and endeavoured a way to end the woman controversy. He is very pretty, very gracious and good. I am getting to be an old fool of a grandma, and to think there is no bliss under heaven to compare with a baby." Later she wrote on the same subject : "You ought to see my baby. I have discovered a way to end the woman controversy. Let the superseding them in the trade, and endeavoured to oust them from the work. babies till the laws are altered. One week of this discipline would bring all the men on their marrow-bones. 'Only tell us what you want,'

* * * With regard to the question of what to do with old Christmas cards, a correspondent says that they are much appreciated by missionaries for distribution in India and China. The fact that they have handwriting on them makes the cards all the more precious in the eyes of Indian children. * * * entire population of the world. It is to be a National Congress of Mothers, to consider "a In future, female prisoners, besides dressing dolls are to be allowed to learn to do macrané work. This was formerly a fashionable amuse-ment among young ladies before pianos and bicycles relegated it to the class of extinct accomplishments. It is a kind of leave with leave congress, will give a clear idea of the scope of the work proposed to be undertaken:---"To consider all subjects relating to the home, especially those bearing upon the better and broader moral and physical, as well as mental, training of the young, and the advantages of a closer relation between the influence of the home A case of suttee in Meerut in which the young widow of a Hindu deputy inspector of police locked herself in a room and set fire to herself after saturating her hair and clothes with

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mothers strikes most people as a sensible sort of gathering, especially if it can be made to in-clude a few of the elderly mothers who have raised their children to positions of honour and responsibility in the world, who will do some plain talking to some of the kind of mothers we all know. * * *

When a case is found to be absolutely incurable with market-growers, she did not know what it not infrequently happens that the patient is dismissed from the hospital after six months' There is n treatment, and thereafter, until the end comes, it is a miserable battle between life and death, it is a miserable battle between life and death, the sufferer being a burden to himself and avoided by others. Mrs. Lathrop has rented apart-ments in a tenement house in a poor quarter of Now York air and the sufference of the of New York city and there she lives; going in by those we don't want," is their comfortable of New York city and there she lives; going in and out of the poor homes and receiving visits from patients, she is already well known as "the little lady in black." Her three small rooms are said to be models of neatness, with quiet-tinted paper on the walls, painted floors, and snowy window-curtains that do not shut out any of the sunlight. With her own delicate hands this cultured woman has scrubbed and decorated and painted the apartments, saving

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time well known amongst workers in England for the woman's cause by her maiden name, Miss A. E. N. Bewicke, writes to the Shanghai Messenger :—"There have already been indica-Messenger : —"There have already been induca-tions of a Chinese movement against foot-binding higher up the river amongst better class people here as far as we know, untouched In country houses, as far as we know, untoucned by missionary influence, but this appeal, with its reference to intelligent men who agree with the writers in Hong-ya and the other cities, seems to point to some kind of Chinese organisation,

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By MRS. E. L. CHAMBERLAIN, F.R.H.S. CHRYSANTHEMUMS. ONE has written so often directions for the management of these plants, and knows that similar instructions are so constantly to be seen Mrs. Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, daughter of the famous Nathaniel Hawthorne, and wife of a in print, that it seems almost a work of Vot it is well-known American author, after gaining a supererogation to repeat them. Yet it is necessary, apparently, for this season a correthorough knowledge and training in the treatment of cases of cancer, has devoted her life to the help of poor women and girls afflicted with to ask if she could not sell them, and when I the disease. Cancer generally runs its course from two to four years before the patient dies.

healthy, clean leaves. The lasting powers of cut chrysanthemums depend largely on the judgment with which the parent plant was treated; those with thin, soft, sappy stalks always flag directly, while, on the other hand, thick, woody stems do not take up the water sufficiently to keep the petals fresh. Here is a hint that may be useful to some readers. If chrysanthemums droop a day or two after cutting, strip all leaves from the stem but three or four close to the flower, then place them in a deep, narrow-necked jar with the leaves under water, and only the heads above.

There is nothing easier to grow from cuttings than chrysanthemums, and it is doubtless on this

SOME LIGHT SUET PUDDINGS. A SUET PUDDING resembles a hash in one respect, inasmuch as it may be very nice and nourishing or most distasteful; it all depends on the manipulation of the ingredients, coupled with proper cooking. As to the manipulation, is it not true that many do not take the trouble to properly skin and shred the suet before opping it, and are not the lumps sometimes large enough to "turn" instead of attract one? By the use of Hugon's refined beef suet, familiar by this time to many a housewife, and They drive their own vans, and sell at their own stall in the market; or, if too far off for carried out, we venture to think will give No one can expect to get really good chrysansatisfaction.

hands this cultured woman has scrubbed and decorated and painted the apartments, saving for her work what she would have paid to others in the the state of the s for her work what she would have paid to others for doing this. Mrs. Lathrop, in conversation, speaks very modestly of her adopted work. She hopes, in a humble way, to imitate the great foundress, Mme. Garnier, of the Hospital for Cancer at Lyons, France. The anti-foot-binding movement in China seems to be spreading among the Chinese them-selves. Mrs. Archibald Little, who was at one time well known amongst workers in England larly deal. It is useless to send common nowers by post to London or any well-supplied market, more especially if the flowers are of kinds that need to be large and long-stemmed, their intrinsic weight alone makes profit out of the transic weight alone makes profit out of the butcher, and, being "water free," it goes farther. In fact, one pound of it equals about one and a half pounds of unprepared suet. The following recipes have been tested, and, if themum blossoms—whether for sale, for show, or for private use—unless they disbud their plants. The cuttings must be taken early, and from may be made from three-quarters of a pound of

to point to some kind of Chinese organisation, and we hope soon to hear more. Already several young men of good position have assured us of their resolution not to permit the binding of their little daughters. We are having the Sui-fu appeal reprinted here, and hope soon to be able to supply copies, either for posting or in tract form. It is evidently what Chinese think will affect Chinese. . . There are some passages that must tell all over China, espe-cially where the writer contrasts the punishmen, from which he recovers in a fortnight, with the The cuttings must be taken early, and from strong, sturdy shoots, not the rather weakly ones that come at the sides or base of a plant that has flowered, and which have themselves a wee flower bud on the tip. Plants from these roots same; reference must be had to the ultimate of a robber, who is beaten in the Yamén, from which he recovers in a fortnight, with the punishment inflicted upon an innocent girl, who, if she has her feet bound, suffers from them all her life long. We observe also that these Chinese gentlemen, addressing Chinese, do not hesitate to speak of the pains of foot-binding in terms which would hardly be tolerated by some of the foreigners in Shanghai, who cannot believe in mothers being so cruel to their little girls. "Tis true, 'tis pity ; pity 'tis, 'tis true! I ft only now requires a long pull, a strong pull, and an pull all together, and this hideous custom of 1,000 years will become despised, and the

pull all together, and this indecous custom of 1,000 years will become despised, and the women of China once more set upon their feet again.

Is got by using more sait and a little pepper with a pinch of ground allspice or nutmeg in the crust, adding, for each pound of flour used, a dessert-spoonful of chopped onion, a teaspoon-ful of parsley, and half as much thyme. This can be boiled in a cloth or cooked as above, or it may be tied in a round shape. Or, by making

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first, and increased as the buds form and grow. Great care must be taken to keep the foliage free from mildew and insect blight, for the appearance of the plant and the quality of its dowers will be affected by this. Flowers cut from a plant which has been badly mildewed or olighted never last so well as those with

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BY MISS LIZZIE HERITAGE.

(First Class Diplomée Cookery and Domestic Economy; Author of "Cassell's New Uni-versal Cookery," &c., &c.)

bread-crumbs, a tablespoonful of sugar, two of any stoneless jam, red, half a teaspoonful of car-bonate of soda, which is best sieved with the flour, then add milk to make a stiff paste; half a cup is the average, but it all depends on the the sinate and tasmonable bodice shown description: a cup is the average, but it all depends on the stiffness of the jam and the goodness of the four. The ingredients must be most thoroughly mixed, and from two to three hours should be allowed for the steaming, which gives better results than boiling. To improve this very much add an ounce of candied peel in the front and fastens with buttons on thinnest shreds, and decorate the mould or basin with some stoned raisins halved, and pressed outside to the basin. This will not go beging minus sauce, but with one it is much the same jam used for the pudding, thinned down with a spoonful or two of orange or lemon juice; add a little sugar, and as soon as it boils

and crust together, can be used for it; cut all up small and soak in only enough water to cover, allowing the crust a longer time; when soft squeeze dry, and beat up or sieve, so that no lumps are visible, then make as before, reducing the milk to half, or instead of this add a teaspoonful of cornflour.

HERE IS A VERY NICE PUDDING

that has no special name; it is but little trouble, and contains just the nourishment required on a cold day. Mix a quarter of a pound each of Hugon's chopped suet, brown sugar, stoned raisins halved, and shredded or chopped figs, with an ounce or two of shredded candied peel; blend or two of shredded candied peel; blend them with three quarters of a pound of flour and a salt spoonful of mixed spice, or ginger or nutmeg alone will do, then add a beaten egg and about a quarter of a pint of milk, and beat up thoroughly; just before baking stir in a teaspoonful of baking powder. A greased Yorkshire-pud-ding tin, warmed, should be used, and the midding baked in a medicate area for a beat adding baked in a moderate oven for about pudding baked in a moderate oven for about forty minutes. Serve it in squares, dredged with sugar. With ordinary suct, such a pudding would take at least an hour; and by using this refined suct for coating the tins, puddings never stick. This mixture is capable of much variation; the figs can give place to currants, or the raisins to be left out and some grated orange rind put in; again, by using an ounce or two more flour, at a pinch, the egg can be omitted. Dates are a nutritious food, and may be used with much success in puddings of this class ; they must be looked over for fear of grubs and the stones removed. e our paper we give the result of

a trial with the suet in the shape of a

SWEET POTATO PUDDING

that was much appreciated. A pound of mashed potatoes and three ounces of the suet, melted, were mixed together while the potatoes were hot; a quarter of a pound of moist sugar, the grated rinds of two oranges and the strained juice and a few drops of lemon essence with an egg, completed the mixture, which was baked in a well greased tin in a very moderate oven for forty minutes, and served hot. A nicer dish is got from castor sugar, about five or six ounces, and an orange and a lemon, or two lemons, with the addition of a little candid peel. But for the trial pudding, cheapness was the motto. Be sparing with the salt in cooking out the flavour of sweet puddings, too much spoils them.

these and other suet puddings.

CONTENTION AND DISPUTATION.—Contention be reckoned amongst and disputation are not the mark of either a the things which it is great mind or a calm, sweet spirit. The thinker wise to buy. A flannel quietly does his best to make his meaning clear, blouse is very useful quietly does his best to make his meaning clear, but if there is still lack of perception on the part of his hearers, he simply waits for that justifica-tion which time is sure to bring. blouse is very dectar for house wear at the present moment, whilst a very good

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enfranchisement when we began our Women's Liberal Federation work in his division; never-

that we were a Liberal organisation. Till he had seen women at work, like many other men, grasped my hand, and exclaimed—'Oh, won't Dr. Douglas, no doubt, looked upon the political woman as a bogey, but when he had seen their work near at hand he bravely admitted his change of opinion, and he now never omits to advocate Women's Suffrage at the meetings of the Women's Liberal Associations. The remaining division, Egremont, is held by a Tory, and the Liberal candidate's views are uncertain with regard to women's questions.

The facts above stated, for which I can vouch through personal knowledge of every bit of the work done, will perhaps be of service to your readers, and will show them that there are many roads by which we can reach our desired Let the Suffrage Societies by all means goal. carry their mission through the country, using their own methods, amongst which Mrs. Taylor mentions that it is a "root principle with them that Women's Suffrage knows no party." But let them not forget that women who are strong party Radicals, and who work within the lines of a party, which to their thinking has a glorious tradition and a still more glorious future, are also loyally, persistently and effectively pressing forward to the richer destiny which is awaiting how the hor destiny which is awaiting womankind.-Yours truly,

ROSALIND CARLISLE. Naworth Castle, Carlisle, January 16th, 1897.

Our Open Columns.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE. THE COUNTESS OF CARLISLE ON SUFFRAGE WORK

JANUARY 28, 1897.

IN CUMBERIAND. To the Editor of the WOMAN'S SIGNAL. DEAR MADAM,—I observe that Mrs. Thomas Taylor in her speech at the Suffrage Conference, reported in your issue of January 7th, stated that there were certain tracts of country in Broken while in your the story of her escape from the grave, and what she forgets I'll try and give." "Well, sir," said Miss Murray, "two years ago my breath almost left me, and what with that affliction and an indescribable pain in my head, I thought I was going to die. I became as pale as the tablecloth, while my lips turned blue. My face was like the face of a corpse. Suffrage is concerned." She proceeds to ask, "What chance have we of getting Women's Suffrage, or of having numbers of women at elections pressing M.P.'s for the Suffrage, when we have all that much country unconcerned about it, unconverted?" Mrs. Taylor names three counties, Cumberland, Lincoln, and Devonshire, as the "heathen lands" where there are "no Suffrage women, or only a few isolated individuals." I shall leave Lincoln and Devonshire to speak for themselves, and will merely give Mrs. Taylor the welcome intelligence that this "realm of darkness," to wit, the county of Cumberland, which lies not twenty miles from her own residence, is in no wise deserving of the pity or contempt which she lavishes upon it. In Cumberland, which has a population of 267,000, there are thirty. three Women's Liberal Associations, with a membership of over 4,000 women, and all these associations are fighting under the banner of the Women's Suffrage cause. Furthermore, out of the four county constituencies in Cumberland, two are represented by Liberal M.P.'s, Mr. Allison and Sir Wilfrid Lawson, and there are no stauncher friends to the cause of women than croe these two politicians. Women's Suffrage cause. Furthermore, out of





THE BEGINNING OF THE END had come." The poor woman's eyes filled and 'Tis the home of the reckl she covered them with her apron. "Then I | Where the Giveitups abide.



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MRS. MURRAY, of 17, Market-street, Glasgow, looks at her daughter Agnes with tears of gratitude. "Aggie," she said to a reporter, "will tell you the story of her escape from the



are these two politicians. In Mid-Cumberland the Liberal candidate, Dr. Douglas, only just failed to secure the seat for the Liberals; he, too, is a thorough advocate for the Liberals; he, too, is a thorough advocate of Women's Suffrage. He was not converted by Women's Suffrage Societies, but by the cheery, so well, that I'm able to go to my work work in his constituency of the Women's Liberal Associations. He was against our enfranchisement when we began our Women's

WHEN THE CZAR WAS AT LEITH

theless we worked for his candidature, seeing that we ware a Liberal evention. The bar we ware a Liberal evention.

" The Sailor's surprise."

Jeanie, your sister, be the happy woman when I tell her of how well you are looking !'" "Two years ago," Mrs. Murray added, "my in a bad way!' I thought

A STRONG GIRL'S STORY. read of the wonderful cures that had been effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. This was in July. The first box People. prought the colour to her face; the second filled up her cheeks; the third improved her appetite; and the fourth enabled her to go back to work. low, she was never better in health. She is

remarkably strong." Amongst all classes Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are praised as a strengthening and tonic medicine, for men, women, or children. They are not like other medicine, nor can they reported in your issue of January 7th, stated that there were certain tracts of country in England which might be regarded as "realms of darkness—heathen lands, so far as Women's Suffrage is concerned." She proceeds to ask, was a ghastly sight, and all I was fit for was a ghastly sight, and all I was fit for post-free at 2s. 9d., or six boxes for 13s. 9d. They have cured numerous cases of "decline" and consumption, also of anæmia or bloodless-ness, rheumatism, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, sciatica, influenza, palpitation, and the disorders sciatica, influenza, papitation, and the disorders which arise from impoverished blood, such as muscular weakness, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, pain in the back, nervous headache, early decay, and all forms of female weakness.

QUAINT AND HUMOROUS.

"THOSE photographs must flatter her." "Why?" "She ordered another dozen from the same negative." * *

MUGGINS: "Is your son in business?" Buggins: "He's a contractor." 'What line?" Buggins: "Debts." Muggins;

EXPERIENCE keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other. * *

"I SECOND the motion," said the man on the rear of the tandem bicycle.

SHE : "Did you see the Latin quarter while in Paris? "He:" No, but I got several lead francs passed on me."

"Your Honour," said a lawyer in a recent trial, "the argument of my learned friend is lighter than vanity. It is air; it is smoke. From top to bottom it is absolutely nothing. And, therefore, your Honour, it falls to the ground by its own weight.'

THEY had had a little party of guests at the house, and he remarked to his wife, after they had left, that he flattered himself that he had acted the part of host in rather brilliant manner. "I can only recall one brilliant action of yours," she said. "What was that?" "Lighting the gas.'

MISS BELLE: "Mary, remember I am at home to none except Mr. Vere Brownkins this afternoon." Mary (half an hour later): "I've told four gentleman callers that you are at home to none except Mr. Vere Brownkins, Miss, and they all went away very angry in lated Mire." indeed, Miss. * * *

AN Irishman, in the midst of a tirade against landlords and capitalists, declared that "if these men were landed on an uninhabited island they wouldn't be there half an hour before they would have their hands in the pockets of the naked savages.' * * *

My friend, have you heard of the town of Nogood, On the banks of the river Slow,

Where blooms the Waitawhile flower fair, Where the Sometime or other scents the air,

And the soft Goeasies grow ? Would you go where the soft Goeasies grow ? It lies in the valley of What's the use,

In the province of Letherslide; "That tired feeling" is native, there, 'Tis the home of the reckless Idon'tcare,

