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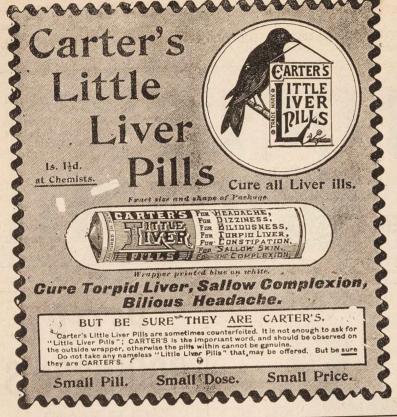
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Zealand?" I asked her.

with Mr. Seddon.

AN INTERVIEW

Mrs. SEDDON

WIFE OF THE PREMIER OF NEW ZEALAND.

representative to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

before it was obtained?" "No, I was not; I was opposed to it." "Will you please tell me why?"

and to have to vote."

sort connected with it, and it has done the It is left to the parents to provide instruction form of the League.' in public affairs. Immediately the vote was obtained I organised the Liberal Women's In the same way, in the management of our not only formulate their views in this manner,

JULY 1, 1897.

THE WOMAN'S SIGNAL

A WEEKLY RECORD AND REVIEW FOR LADIES.

By a happy thought at the Colonial Office all that party work that yours naturally would do? affairs." the great English Colonies which are practically Is there any woman's society separate from Mrs. Seddon kindly gave me the programme self-governing were formally invited to send a party politics?"

"Yes, there is a Women's Franchise League, It runs as follows:-Without exception the Colonies accepted but when the elections come its members are the invitation with enthusiasm. The Premier very apt to go different ways. There is also a of New Zealand, who was one of the first repre- Women's Council, in union with the Internasentatives to arrive, has been lodged for some tional Council of Women, with which my society weeks at the Hotel Cecil with all the state of a has not yet affiliated. The object of that Council, foreign ambassador; an entire wing on the first as you know, is to draw together delegates from floor is apportioned to him and his family and societies of every sort, and all women interested suite. Numerous liveried attendants decorate in public affairs, to enable them to discuss laws of New Zealand has been confined to men the ante-chambers, and as I entered I passed such questions and explain their special work who have hitherto failed to grasp the necessity two State emissaries, one in civil uniform, to each other without regard to party. I have of giving to women those equal rights and and the other a high military officer in all the talked it over with Lady Aberdeen as I passed paraphernalia of his rank going to an interview through Ottawa, and I think it quite likely that my Society will affiliate with the 'New

Mrs. Seddon, as I thought my readers would "Tell me about the 'discord in families' particularly like to hear the opinion of so argument, in regard to the exercise of the vote give to women absolute equality with men. influential a lady upon the working of an insti- by wives?"

aged lady, with that indefinable air of being living at home if over 21, but we find that demanding immediate attention at the hands of "How did women get the Suffrence in New 1975 age 1875. It was not that indefinable air of being the subject in the public life. "How did women get the Suffrence in New 1975 age 1875. It was not the subject in one if over 21, but we find that we find the the family life is at all what it ought to be, there is apt to be a family opinion. Of course, it is possible that sometimes the vote is given by busband and wife, or father and an opinion of the public life. "How did women get the Suffrence in New 1975 age 1975 'How did women get the Suffrage in New find that families all work together, and Asylums, Industrial Schools, Managers of a wife Labour Offices, and as Members of Municipal Control of Municipal Cont "By the ordinary machinery; petitions, prominently working against her husband."

"There is one thing more. Please tell me Members of Parliament. The agitation for it began a good many years ago, then languished for a while and the part of the part who were under the impression that women the principles of what Liberalism should mean would vote mainly on their side, but this as to deny representation to women, and when writing the principles of what Liberalism should mean protection for the wife and family. Liberal Ministry, with my husband at the head, very apt to give as their real reason their fear Municipal and Local Government Elections. that gave the franchise to women, and at the that women would be priest-ridden; that they two elections that have since taken place women | would act always under the domination of their have maintained the same government in favourite religious teacher. Tell me if there 'Were you in favour of Women's Suffrage | the elections of New Zealand?"

"Certainly not," said Mrs. Seddon, very "It was because I thought that women should not mix in anything so rough as contested You know that in New Zealand we have very branches of industry should be given. elections used to be. I thought they were perfect religious equality; not only is there no would be unpleasant for them to be canvassed in religion given in the primary schools. "Then are you now genuinely converted? Do allowed, by arrangement with the schools you now believe, in the light of experience, that committees, to give religious instruction at "Ninth.—That in all political and municipal "Ninth.—That in all "Yes, most decidedly I do. There has been school hours, but as regards the actual schooling no disturbance and no unpleasantness of any religious teachers are not allowed to interfere. women a great deal of good to take an interest of the sort in accordance with their own How useful, inspiring and uplifting it must League. I said that whether we had wished public affairs, though, of course, any minister but have also the power to bring them into

for the vote or not, now we had got it we must | would have his own personal influence with his use it, and, of course, I tried to influence all the friends, yet the public opinion of the women women I could to use it in what I thought the voters, as much as that of the men, would be at once roused against any attempt to introduce "Is there any society which does not take up direct clerical interference with our secular

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of the "League," of which she is the president.

THE WOMEN'S SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LEAGUE, WELLINGTON.

The objects of the League shall be the promotion of knowledge amongst the women of the Colony with respect to social, political, cipal, and other questions affecting their

Platform:-Whereas the duty of making the liberties which eternal justice demands should

I had asked for my interview, however, with

Zealand Women's Council' in course of time."

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The colder would "Tell me about the 'discord in families' tody of children, should be so amended as to "First.-That the law at present existing,

Second .- That the improvement of the tution with which she has so much personal concern. Mrs. Seddon is a handsome middle-cover our married women vote, and so do girls hours of labour, are reforms imperatively

Councils, Hospitals and Charitable Aid Boards,

for a while, and then became very earnest again.

It was supported always by the Conservatives, who were under the impression that women the principles of what Liberalism should mean the pression that women the principles of what Liberalism should mean the principles of what Liberalism should be so amended as to secure greater

"Fifth.-That the League advocate the expectation has not been justified. It was a they are challenged on the subject they are extension of the Parliamentary Franchise to

'Sixth.—That the constant influx of Chinese traders is productive of evil, unjust to European labour, degrading to morality, and lowering the tone of the community. The League, therewas anything like that found to be the case in fore, desires further restrictions upon Chinese immigration.

"Seventh.—That the present system of emphatically. "The women would have secular and compulsory education be preserved, resented any attempt on the part of their added thereto, where lessons in housekeeping,

" Eighth .- That all great political and social better out of the turmoil of politics, and that it would be unpleasant for them to be canvassed with better out of the turmoil of politics, and that it would be unpleasant for them to be canvassed in religion given in the primary schools of opinion should be submitted direct to the electors, and that the decision of a me Ministers of any and every denomination are the electors should be final for a period of not

> certain times, before or after the compulsory contests the support of the League shall only be school hours, but as regards the actual schooling given to men and women of pronounced progressive opinions, of integrity of character, and who are prepared to subscribe to the plat-

practical effect by the exercise of the franchise It is all the difference between the enervating and depressing effect of idly wishing, and the ennobling and strengthening influence of going forth and working for better things for humanity.

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WORK FOR JULY 7TH.

As our readers are doubtless aware, the day fixed for the Committee stage of the Women's Suffrage Bill is now the 7th of July. This change of date was necessitated by the 23rd of June being the day chosen by the Members of interest, given by Mrs. Jewell, of Hall Place, both Houses of Parliament to present their an old and historic house in Kent. The subject address to the Queen.

date has improved our chances, and we would was made by the speakers. Mrs. Reeves beg all our readers, not only to write and urge presided, and Mrs. C. E. Stopes, Mr. Atherleytheir members to be present and vote for the Bill, but to endeavour to get others to do the the speakers. A unanimous resolution in favour same. The greatest possible good will be done of Women's Suffrage was passed. by such action, as Members of Parliament are much influenced by public opinion. Mr. Faithfull Begg, in his speech at Queen's Hall, gave us this advice :-

Show that you are in earnest in the matter, give Members of Parliament no peace, bombard the country appeared in these columns, the them with requests, and petitions, and reso- chief outcome of my efforts has been in Bourne lutions, and let their lives be a burden to them | mouth. A great many ladies have been visited until they begin to realise that it is a calumny two drawing-room meetings held, and the to say there is no anxiety in the country, that women do not take a keen interest in the ques- mouth W.L.A. approached at one of their tion, and that the sooner they get rid of you by meetings. It was found possible to call a granting the Parliamentary Franchise the business meeting of representative women to

addition to letters, telegrams sent to one's kindly lent her house. member on July 7th, addressed to the House of | The result was that the 25 Bournemouth and Commons, will have an excellent effect; we Christchurch ladies present resolved themselves would recommend the suggestion to our friends. into a provisional committee, and appointed Those who have not sent up petitions are the following provisional officers:-Miss July 7th. This opportunity should not be lost, by means of the pen or the telegraphic wire the Bateman, Westbourne High School, treasurer. feeling of the country on this important subject | Great interest and life was shown, and another should be impressed on the House of Commons. business meeting has been fixed for July 1st.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

The following address has been sent to Her Majesty the Queen from the combined committee, and signed on their behalf by Mrs. Fawcett :-

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY. "MADAM, -May it please your Majesty to ccept the loyal congratulations which we offer in the names of our respective committees on THE CENTRAL NATIONAL the joyful event of the attainment to the ongest reign in British history.

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"It is thus an event which calls forth in peculiar degree the congratulations of women who have sought, and in considerable degree attained to, a fuller recognition of their responsibilities in the service of the community, Majesty in harmonizing the claims of the same position, but wherever personal visits have

prayer of your Majesty's loyal and obedient of the claim made. Several societies and asso-

MEETINGS.

During May and June the following meetings have been held :-

Mrs. Morgan Browne at Exmouth, Marpool, Wimbledon (2).

Mrs. Brownlow at Lowestoft and Walworth Mrs. Montefiore at Highbury.

Mrs Reeves at Wimbledon Mrs. Stopes at Bexley, North Kensington

Mrs. Gwyneth Vaughan at Penarth, Dunvant, Pontypridd Tabernacle, and Garnant.

Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Fenwick Miller, Mr. W McLaren, and Mrs. Reeves at Guildford.

The meeting at Bexley was one of great of Women's Suffrage was a new one to the The general opinion is that the change of greater part of the audience, and a capital effect Jones, M.P., Miss Mordan and Mr. Stopes were

REPORT OF ORGANISATION. By MRS. STANBURY.

Since the last notes respecting our work in discuss local methods of work, for which Miss We are also told on good authority that in Harrison, of Boscombe (the Corner Cottage)

A smaller business meeting was also held at a private house in Parkstone, as an outcome of the work done there, which included a suffrage meeting in the Church Schools, kindly lent by Canon Dugmore, another in the Kinson Pottery Lyceum to members of the local branch of the B.W.T.A., and several short addresses given at temperance meetings, and a Primrose League Meeting. It is hoped that at a second meeting to be called shortly, it will be found possible to ecure a secretary and definitely to establish a local committee

In Poole, where we have several staunch supporters, a Suffrage Meeting was held under the auspices of the local branch of the B.W.T.A., caused your subjects not only to honour their and a drawing room meeting at a private

The towns of the Northern Division of Dorset were visited, but the claims of women to be recognised as citizens seem hardly to have been heard of, and much educational work is needed before any permanent organisation can be thought of. Several of the smaller places in the couraged by the exalted example of your New Forest Division of Hampshire seem in the public weal with the claims of home affection. been possible there has been a certain interest, "That the blessing of the Most High may as in a new question, and response on the part surround your Majesty on every side is the of individuals here and there who see the justice ciations have promised to put the subject of Women's Suffrage on their lecture programmes next autumn.

> I find there is some incredulity on the part of certain of our friends in regard to what appeared in our last notes about the ignorance I find in the close neighbourhood of well known suffragists, but I can only repeat what I have formerly said in reports sent to our office, that I find extraordinary timidity among many of our supporters in making Women's Suffrage a topic of conversation. I am convinced that more might be done to convert people by private conversation than in almost any other way, and next to that I put the careful and personal distribution of leaflets. I have been fortunate n finding many ladies, who cannot otherwise help, who will regularly give away our papers.

> I would appeal to all readers of the "Woman's SIGNAL" to send me (at 22, St. Petersburgh Place London W.), the names and addresses of any persons they may know in Hampshire who are likely to be sympathetic, and upon whom I might call. It will not be necessary for me to use the name of the sender if it is not

MARIE LOUISE BAXTER. Sec.

TOMMY'S ALPHABET.

- "Now this is A," mamma would say;
- "And this is Q, and this is U, And this is I.

Now say them-try.' Oh! Tommy was a youngster yet

To learn to say his alphabet: But, bless his heart! though he was small,

He knew his letters-nearly all. So mother pointed, and her son

- Began to name them one by one. 'This one?" "It's B." "And this?" "Tt's C."
- "And this?" "It's L: I know it well."
- 'Nay; try again." 'It must be N."
- "And this one?"—pointing to an I—
 "That's YOU!" was Tommy's quick reply. Mamma, the error to undo, Now pointed to the letter U.

Small Tommy pondered; then, quoth he, His face aglow with smiles, "That's ME!

Dur Short Sketch.

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OUR COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

BY Helen Urquhar.

Yes, it was cosy in the extreme, just we two and no one to poke and pry or say unkind things. As for the loneliness, that did not affect us. Of course it was very rural, but after a city hospital it was Utopia. Then there was the responsibility, which was great, only Margaret took to it wonderfully, considering how new and strange a thing it was. In the wards where she had been "sister" and I her staff nurse, there were no anxieties, no responsibilities, that were too trifling to take up at once to headquarters, there to be condensed, lightened, and generally circulated. If the right number of diets had not come up as ordered, there was the ward maid, why had she not brought them? If not her fault then apply to the sub-natron, cook, or under-cook, and so the burden shifted till it became no one's possession. Then in the winter, if some of our ward pipes had burst, "run and tell matron," said Sister, "while somebody mops up the water." Soon the engineer would be upstairs and all set right. So much forthings on a large special ward law is binding; the new that the abstract, like many other things, difficult to enact the orthodox martinet. The that diets, boiling water, frees were not indeed the reality and prepared to he whole hospital is redolent with discipline, and grain it his small way of ours it was very life tops. The water, if the abstract, like many other things, difficult to enact the orthodox martinet. The that the abstract, like many of the cruality and again in this small way of ours tit was very life that this copy. The diets of the and labour. Of course, we had he he to thodox martinet. The that the abstract, like many other that his size law in the abstract, like many other that his appeal had a leaf to the whole hospital is redounted by the whole hospital is redounted. The that the abstract, like many thork of taught predent of the simply flooded my brain with a momentary shock of stagnation. What could are the whole here wish as the reality and labour. F

and so on through the few days that remained to us of our interval between going and coming.

At last, in desperation, we singled out a dilemma from the patients was indeed a tax on the patients was promising young woman who was highly respectable, and had, as we afterwards disrespectable, and had, as we atterwards discovered, the temper of a virago. Margaret wrote beforehand telling her to precede us, directing her how to go and what to do in full, for she said "I could not possibly arrive en famille, it would be the acme of absurdity!"

Of course, this was just what did happen.
When we arrived at the sleepy little station, who should we find propped against the waiting-room door but the still more sleepy "general."
It appeared she had not understood Margaret's

thing was out of joint we two had to set to work and restore it as far as possible.

So see meant to escape in time. There followed a period of nightmare remembrances in which a drunken old woman and she insisted on my wearing cap, apron and cuffs, and restore it as far as possible.

Our patients were a source of continual anxiety at first. Having no regular night-nurse, and working long hours by day, the question arose constantly, was it necessary to sit up at night with this or that new patient? The

seemed to be the most difficult. Rows and proviso, in spite of restrictions, weather-eyes, those outside are satisfied. The rows of so-called "generals" sat the whole locks and keys, did this terrible old woman get what we "had been" clung to both, a sad length of registry offices, but none rose drunk. The wards "full up," serious cases, to the tempting bait of £16 yearly, and most miles in the country, and a "char" not to be have seemed almost an impossibility. Well,

our ingenuity. As I tell you, to look back upon it all appears a nightmare jumble. She went. Not at once, by any means, for somebody had to be found to succeed her, who, I am thankful times again, we took life easier. to say, proved a boon and a blessing. Deborah has a sharp way of speaking, and not over quick way of working, perhaps, but she is good all through. One of those faithful creatures who, all hands, we often came out the fresher for a to quote her own words, "was willin' to go to the end o' the world" with us. And she is not It was like the "old days" again—this Trish either.

matron fresh upon her, but with suspiciously moist eyes; while I, cramped on the narrow seat behind, supported myself, a huge pot of yellow daisies, a dozen or so small parcels and the "general."

On our arrival all seemed full of emptyness. A strong smell of half dried paint and fresh-scrubbed boards greeted our nostrils, but no

kitchen fire, no sign of life, not even the old woman who had been "got in" and had left early. For the first time it occurred to us both difficult to enact the orthodox martinet. The

night with this or that new patient? The answer being most often in the affirmative, we did sit up all night after being hard at it all the day before, which was weary work.

Undoubtedly this was not by any means so often necessary as we fancied; but to have human beings, human life and comfort dependent solely on you and your efforts is no light weight to carry. As such, I am sure we exaggerated it, if possible, the first year of our "stewardship." But after that period we began to breathe a little freer, and to condense ourselves, as it were, into a smaller space. There is no side of the same was an efforts in the affirmative, we man had arrived at an age when work does not "kill," and surely to be continually gadding palls after a time. At least, we hoped for this.

"Norah," Margaret said to me on her return from a heart-aching day in London, "I hope my old woman does not drink!"

"What a terrible suggestion!" I exclaimed. "Why, they underline sobriety in her character, how cruel of you!"

"Why, they underline sobriety in her character, how cruel of you!"

I knew we had exhausted the local offices. to breathe a little freer, and to condense ourselves, as it were, into a smaller space. There were less lofty ideas.

The question of servants is a vexed one. Very bitter was our lesson sometimes in the learning, though I have no doubt highly salutary in its effect. Margaret and I were told to choose our own servant, as the late matron had departed bag and baggage in toto, and nothing had been our own servant, as the late matron had departed bag and baggage in toto, and nothing had been could both cook and work well; also drink; not beer, oh, dear no, nothing so commonservants now, but then it was to be "the general." Of all the hard tasks this one seemed to be the most difficult. Rows and sad length of registry offices, but hone rose to the tempting bait of £16 yearly, and most clinching—"no beer;" Those who condescended to "swallow it" were not suitable, and above all, an old dipsomaniae upstairs who and above all, an old dipsomaniae upstairs who and above all, an old dipsomaniae upstairs who but no extras. Good. I can only refer you to

rish either.

I am afraid you must not picture to yourself excitement! Why, if we shut our eyes for a It appeared she had not understood Margaret's letter. The doctor had sent his trap to meet us, so there was nothing to be done but to face it. We started off in style, Margaret beside the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of more than the coachman in front, her new halo of the coachman in t show you is that at such times, and on such trying occasions would our cottage-patients at such times, and on such trying occasions would our cottage-patients. National traits, whether they be virtues or sovereign the world would have resounded with fidget. One discovered she couldn't take this.

'If only it was toasted; just browned, Nurse, I could manage it," walls one. Promiscuous toast giving was against the rules.

Then Margaret would be appealed to. "Oh,

Matron, might I just have a tiny bit of toast to-day? I wouldn't ask any other time, but I fancies it so to-day—I do?" and oh, Matron, I see you waver as you look at the plate o bread and butter, piled up and tempting enough, but monotonous by reason of its persistency.

"Well, Mrs. Partridge, " says our matron, weakly (and she has no numbers which add weight), "if I give in now, you must not expect

such treats every day."
"I see the cook go by just now, Nurse. Do you think she could make me a cup of cocoa this evening, instead of tea, for my indiges-

'And how about the other patients?" ask, mildly—this after my subjugation—"Do you suppose they want cocoa, too, Rhoda?"
"No Nurse, 'tis only me," and so on, ad Whitum And incredible as it may sound these numerous fads and fancies make a large hole in

the time, and more work for everyone. . . .

Tea-time already, that's good. Now, you will stay and—— What, no tea? Well, let me tell you, if you enter our ranks, you must take the 'cup that cheers,' whether you like it or not. We are all 'Gamps' at heart in this respect.

It is our badge of unity, pledge of good fellowship — everything. See, I propose a toast, 'To the health and prosperity of the New Cottage Hospital!' Drink, fair Betsy!"

"FEMININE."

By Hortense Wood.

find writers past and present, great and insig- and manly to every noble virtue*, till the words nificant, turning their pen into a swinging censer before the altar of things masculine and performing with it, so to speak, rites of exorcism on the altar of things feminine. The latter practice, however, does not seem to have been attended with happy results, for we observe by every species of moral obliquity, and perpethat male students of human nature continue to look upon the word feminine as still indispensable for sounding the depths of human turpitude and foolishness. Men's preponderance in literature and in the press, their concerted action for giving prominence to their virtues, and for calling their vices by some other name have enabled them to proclaim themselves the nobler sex with fear but of faint contradiction This alleged greater nobility is insisted on with a boldness of assertion which is probably intended to scare away any doubts that at times may be suspected to unavoidably assail the orthodoxy of feminine belief in masculine virtue. We have no more objection to men calling themselves the nobler sex than we have to the Emperor of China styling himself Sole Ruler of the Earth. We would deny no one

PLEASURES OF IMAGINATION. but we emphatically protest against our sex

the undesirable attributes of humanity. "It is quite interesting," says the author of "International Jealousy," "when we look into the world we are struck with a similar contrast among nations. Some are quite female in their spite and envy, whilst others show that calmness, both in success and defeat, which is essentially manly." What strikes us in the above sentence as quite interesting and essentially masculine is this labelling as feminine the characteristics of mind and soul that are being attributed to as many millions of men as of

Well, that is a digression; what I want to women, whenever such characteristics are not and of female mutability; and had the present defects, are stamped to an equal degree on both | the words, feminine cruelty, feminine sussexes; they are, therefore, neither male nor piciousness and feminine obduracy, and so on. the very nations alluded to as

"FEMALE IN THEIR SPITE AND ENVY,"

the other sex. Singularly enough, then, this against female spite and envy" wells up unalloyed THE "CRUELTY," NAY, "SAVAGERY," OF WOMEN from masculine soul-springs. On the other in sporting birds' wings on their bonnets and hand, feminine influence among the races referred to as essentially manly is an essential characteristic of the race, and a fact universally acknowledged. Macaulay said that "a truly good man has a good deal of the woman in audible word of protest raised against the needman would call a truly manly nation is always hastening that gain this slaughter is pursued. fuence is exercised.

We are everlastingly told of feminine spite and vindictiveness, of feminine meanness and suspiciousness, of feminine cruelty, vanity, tyranny and superstition; but thoroughly masculine is it for men to be spiteful, vindictive, suspicious, mean, cruel, vain, tyrannous and superstitious, and it is ineffably mean for them to shift their share of human shortcomings the clamour raised against women, men's furon to our shoulders. This shifting is ingeniously brought about. It is effected in the first worn by millions of men in Persia, in Russia, instance by persistently and systematically To whatever kind of literature we may turn we prefixing the word feminine to every mean vice, looked and forgiven, and the thunder of manly thus mated and associated are indelibly branded on the brain, cankering the very roots of independent thought, and breeding prejudice with regard to all questions affecting the sexes. History teems with instances of deeds prompted trated by men for personal advantage and personal gratification. If we would for a moment imagine the effect that would be produced on our minds were the vices that led to those deeds, suddenly, and in each case

SPECIFIED AS MASCULINE.

thereby humbling and debasing the whole male sex as such, apart from our common umanity; we would come to a clearer perception of the actual, though now uncon effect produced on us by the unfailing use of the word "feminine" for stamping those very same vices or follies whenever exemplified in women. Queen Elizabeth's vanity and love of flattery her coquetry and dissimulation, are invariably and unwearingly represented as "feminine weaknesses" dimming her "masculine greatness"; but the far greater vanity and love of flattery, bordering on the grotesque, of a Louis XIV., his profligacy and hypocrisy, are being made a peg of by men on which to hang never dubbed "masculine"; they are left genderless, to be bewailed by some as the common appanage of erring humanity, to be regarded by others as part and parcel of the effulgence of the Roi Soleil. Had some amous statesment of our time been famous stateswomen, we would have heard a good deal

indicate the practice:—"It was impossible for Mercy to look at them without drawing the inevitable comparison between the manly force and dignity of Julian, and the vocamish matice and irritability of Horace. He put one arm round Horace to sustain him; the manly tenderness of the action touched Mercy."—Wilkie Collins, "The New Magdalen," Chap. 25.

[Bismarck, Gladstone.] indulging in diatribes against the vanity of women; to inquisitive men expatiating derisively on female inquisitiveness; to illogical men making merry over the notion of feminine.

National traits, whether they be virtues or sovereign the world would have resounded with female, but racial. Equally "interesting" is So we find throughout history, throughout it to note that the influence of women among literature, in daily life, throughout the centuries

A glaring illustration of this fostered prejudice. of this training of the mind to that one-sided is not only stifled to extinction, but utterly ness which brings the male to stamp all our sex repudiated by the male part of those commu- with reprobation whenever a woman's fault is nities, who insist on directing the acts, creating mentioned whilst he pursues the policy of the thought and moulding the character of silence successfully to attenuate the misdeeds their respective nations wholly unassisted by of his own sex, is afforded us in the outcry

indulging in Astrakan trimmings and sealskin cloaks. Never a word is said against the men who for the sake of gain commit the actual slaughter of animals and birds; nor is ever an im," and he might have added that what a less atrocities with which for the sake of one in which a good deal of the womanly in- Masculine indignation molests neither huntsmen of nor traders in feathers and furs, excusing them on the plea that supply is created and regulated by demand. Certain is it that were no costly plumage and furs temptingly placed by men within the sight and reach of women no woman would sit dreaming of seals in the Arctic seas or of rare birds in tropical forests and hankering after their destruction. In lined overcoats are forgotten. Astrakan caps and in other European countries are over wrath rolls and crashes grandly over the "cruelty" of women alone. "Is that noble animal the elephant to be wiped off the face of the earth for the sake, for sooth, of embellishing ladies' toilet tables? "* This question is angrily and indignantly asked by those who are so happily constituted as to be deaf to the sound of ivory balls rolling on thousands of billiard tables in clubs all over the world, and who are mentally kith and kin to such as are wilfully blind to the cruelties inflicted on animals by trainers lest the enactment of laws for the protection of those animals should interfere with men's pleasures of sport.

Undoubtedly the force of words has been ealised by men and dexterously applied to the advantage of their sex. By the mere fact, for instance, of styling manly all such rare and exceptional moral virtues, courage, truth, patriotism, as constitute rare and exceptional beings, both male and female, feminine excellence in those very lines is thrust in the shade. whilst something of the glory of those virtues is extended to every representative of manhood, thus deluding even the meanest and unworthiest male creature into believing in some natural affinity between those virtues and himself. On the other hand, the ordinary failings of ordinary men and women are unceremoniously marked feminine, and so blotted out from the male escutcheon, and lead again the meannest, unworthiest or silliest man to imagine himself exempt from them and to

DISCOURSE ABOUT HIMSELF, WITHOUT SHYNESS about female resentment and vindictiveness, as of the nobler sex. We have all of us been amused with listening to vain, fatuous men Examples are abundant: to cite one specimen only to indulging in diatribes against the vanity of

logic; to men in terror of three candles, spilt other famous frauds and scandals? But these "the fair sex" to intrude on the City that the salt and ill-luck, speaking with withering scorn of superstitious old women.

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The higher moral qualities are not supposed by men to be indigenous to the feminine soul, so that in male eyes women can only shine with such light as is borrowed from "masculine" moral greatness. It is an irrefutable fact, for instance, that women bear sickness and misfortune with far greater fortitude than men. But who would ever dream of characterising fortitude as otherwise than manly? Who ever heard of feminine fortitude? The words would sound discordant, because unfamiliar to the very ears of those who display that greater fortitude. Such are the wonders of mindtraining. "Words, words, words," taught us by men, have dug into the feminine brain deep trenches for the flow of its thought. Equally ingenious is the device of isolating, as it were the guilt of the male culprit from the rest of his sex, and of extending the guilt of the female one to all her's. The former's wickedness or viciousness, his meanness, follies and absurdities are never dubbed masculine, and so cast as a slur on manhood and made a discredit to it. He is held strictly and individually responsible for his acts. Leader and magazine article writers, mindful of sex prestige, refrain from moralising and laying particular stress on his misdeeds. It is for the feminine culprit that these litterateurs turn generalising moralists and exponents of psychology. It is "woman they delight in arraigning before the world's stigmatise her sex with one woman's guilt or absurdities: they

GENERALIZE ON A SINGLE CASE,

and it is on every such occasion that we are treated to a display of that generous handling of the word feminine which manly chivalry and good taste convert into a term for emphasising and magnifying those human shortcoming which are common to men and woman alike Whilst "Leaders" miss no opportunity for solemnly haranguing our sex and indulging in deplorably stale witticisms for its benefit, no

A glance at the history of mankind with a mind freed from impostures of this kind will soon convince us that preponderance of vice does not lie on our side as constantly averred. The things that are created bear the impress of their maker, and are evolved out of the very stuff he is made of. Who but men instituted political tyranny and despotic government, and devised elaborate systems of superstition religious persecution, and all the horrors of cold-blooded cruelty? Who but men imagined the Inquisition, Jesuitism, Macchaievellism, secret tribunals with their horrible punishments, secret societies with their systems of intrigue, espionage and denunciation, fostering suspiciousness fear and duplicity, permeating society with these and vitiating the moral atmosphere of the world? Who but men invented Vendettas with their implacable hatreds, the vindictive boycotting, the cowardly fagging the dastardly dynamiting? Under the pretence of a principle what private and personal ends aimed at, reached, and screened from view Where else but among men have we witnessed such an outburst of personal rancour and mutual recrimination, of personal spite and vindictiveness, of treachery and schadenfreude as the one

not been dubbed "manly"-no, they have been again and again reprobated as feminine; labelled

that defence should rouse in men a displeasure which even insults levelled at womanhood during centuries have failed to rouse in themselves. It would seem that the perpetual hammering of

THE WORD FEMININE, MEANT IN A DISPARAGING SENSE.

has dazed them into re-echoing men's estimate of their sex in a sort of penitential, self condemnatory tone. We need scarcely marvel at this. The mind is but a toy to the play of the influences around it. In the days of witchcraft women by the thousand were found, who, when accused of flying out of chimney tops in the shape of flaming dragons, ruefully admitted the truth of the charge, and looked upon the stake as a meet punishment for so truly unpardonable

Among the many thousands of writers of every unlovable disposition, have vented in their a contemptuous or a frivolous word, because woman's most captivating charm. But feminine

Leibnitz said that if he could change the system of education for the young he would change the world. Women have the charge and control of that education, let them change had both the liabilities and benefits beer it, and with it change the world.

A SAMPLE.

It is an every-day failing of the common nasculine mind to which our contributor refers o seek for an illustration of the foolish, spiteful and misleading practice to which she refers; but the following article in last week's Financial Times is a particularly good sample. We all the name of the club referred to.—Ed. W.S.

FEMININE FINANCE.

From the Financial Times, June 18, 1897.

At this Jubilee season there is a general nclination not to take things too seriously, and probably that is the reason why the prospectus of The "Ladies" Society Club, Limited, has been sent out now, although "for private been sent out now, athough "for private circu-lation only." The fact that the word "Ladies" is put in inverted commas on the prospectus seems to cast a slur upon the members of the club; but we are confident that this is a mere displayed to the world during the Panama and typographical accident. It is so unusual for lives not for another.—Rogers.

things done, said, thought, and felt by men have present venture assumes an interest quite out of proportion to the capital, which is only £7,500. The sum is small, but it is to be very select, for we are told "it is not intended to as pertaining to female nature, and flung over issue this Company to the public." We can quite appreciate the "feminine" modesty which And there are women who do not resent this: has dictated this attitude; but it is an interest who rather resent any defence of their sex lest ing example of "woman's" logic to read immedi ately afterwards the statement that "applications for shares, not exceeding a total of be received.' It would seem that these Society Ladies insist upon the prerogative of their sex, declining to make any proposal to the male investor, but coyly admitting that they are open to overtures lodged with their bankers. In view of this most discreet attitude we cannot find words of sufficient vigour in which to characterise the conduct of bold, bad man who has been sending prospectus around broadcast, so that it has fallen into the hands of many people who are not society ladies, but City men. It is well known that "the feminine nature" shudders at the idea of being hurried, and this is no doubt the reason why the prospectus is dated 8th June, while applications for the shares may be lodged up to the 25th. This interval of 17 days allows ample time for society ladies to make a most careful toilet before driving in their broughams to the branch of the London and County Bank in Hanover-square time and clime, a host of jilted lovers, and of philosophers soured by the acerbity of their own our better halves is confidently anticipated, for unlovable disposition, have vented in their writings their spleen and rancour on women as a "this security should specially commend itself" sex. With the propensity to "Endless Imitation," so obvious among writers of all grades, a bitter, a contemptuous or a frivolous word, because to lady investors, as it is carried on and managed by their own sex." There is no accounting for tastes, and it may be that this will be tribunal and tracking to earth. They hasten to uttered by some angry or spiteful man of stigmetise her say with an expense of the same quarters as a recommendate regarded in some quarters as a recommendate regarded in some quarters as a recommendate of the same of the s eminence, would have sufficed to give the whole of literature that jaundiced and insulting tone a long-felt want for a place where ladies visiting it so often assumes towards our sex. Women—especially of that class, "who aspire to the fortable accommodation, excellent catering and golden opinion which attends, outwardly at least, feebleness and insignificance," absorbed the ideas and teachings of men of this stamp and toucht them in their teachers. The idea is charming, and in future the society is to be not only refined, but limited. We learn that there are already on the books of the club some twelve hundred and taught them in their turn, just as the earth radiates by night the heat it has absorbed by day. To these teachings we owe the pride our sex has taken in a weak mind, and its grotesquely disdainful abhorrence of a strong one its haughty spurping of the knowledge that leading paper has ventured to moralize on the brutal and cowardly behaviour of men at the Paris Charity Bazaar. Silence on such incidents has ever been found profitable to masculine has ever been fo one, its haughty spurning of the knowledge that 8 per cent., and to leave the sum of £338 8s. 10d. thought is now rising everywhere like an irresistable current, precipitating from their shrines not been more explicit, for we are informed the absurd fetishes that men had set up for its that "the business will be taken over subject to certain liabilities, and with the benefit of the leases and agreements." Of course, it would be "unfair to expect a lady" to go too closely into business details, but those of us who are merel men would not have raised any objection

> THAT is a treacherous friend against whom ou must always be on your guard. Such a friend is wine.—Bovée.

> OUR grief for the dead is often but unconscious remorse for the unhappiness we have caused them while living.

It is as hard not to forgive a man we have hated when he is dead, as it is to love a man who hates us, while alive.

Not being untutored in suffering, I learn to pity those in affliction.-Virgil.

It is a miserable thing to live in suspense; it is the life of a spider.—Swift.

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SIGNALS FROM OUR WATCH TOWER.

The latest lists of honours at Cambridge re now being published. It is noted with elation by a newspaper that makes a point of such sayings, the London Daily Chronicle, that "the most distinctive ature of the great mathematical tripos is hat the women have not done very well, after the bitter battle that has been fought over them. The highest woman is only on a level with the thirty-fourth of the male competitors." The critic omits to mention that Girton and Newnham together only accommodate 250 female students, while the number of male undergraduates is not ar short of 3,000; the 3,000 men supply 135 wranglers and junior and senior optimes, and the 250 women have 19 in the same lists: vet it is "the most distinctive feature" of the examination that of the 250 of the 'inferior' sex the highest is "only" level with the thirty-fourth out of the 3,000 of the other! How ungenerous and unreasonable is such comment!

Many of the women students, of course prefer to go in for classical or other onours—thus 33 appear in the modern languages list—leaving but a small number to compete in the mathematical tripos. Of these, nine take places amongst the Senior Optimes,"—the places between the thirty-fourth and the sixty-third on the entire list-and nine more are placed between the sixty-fourth and eighty seventh men. In Part II., Miss Longbottom appears in the list in Division 1 with three men. This young lady, who was ighth amongst the Wranglers last year, by the way, has just received a scholarship for igher study at the American University Bryn-Mawr, at which institution such aids for learning are very generously offered from time to time to the whole world, and they have on several occasions been granted to English ladies.

It is a very interesting fact that the Public Elementary School in Birmingnam, and has gone steadily on, gaining pecuniary help by prizes and scholarships, till he has now attained the "blue ribbon" f scholarship in mathematics, thus proving and hard to climb. The 45th man on the list, too, Mr. Frater, was at one time a make this age remarkable. London Elementary School boy, and his mother is well-known in the North London branches of the B.W.T.A.

taking is almost exclusively due.

"It consists of ten leaves of thick drawing-board, with raised mounts. The title-page, 'To her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, from the Women of Great Britain, Ireland, and the Colonies, is richly illuminated, and has a border of rococo ornament, this being the style in vogue in the early days of the Queen's reign. The second page bears the Royal Arms with crossed Union Jacks behind. and the monogram V.R. Then follows the subject matter of the address, contained on three pages, the first having a border of roses, the second a border of thistle and heather and the third a border of shamrocks and leeks, emblematical respectively of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. The volume is imperial quarto in size-bound in white vellum richly embossed and illuminated in gold and purple, with white watered silk ends. A second volume contains the signatures, and the two are enclosed in a handsome case.

There was a very effectual way in which. the Queen could have (but has not) shown her appreciation of the work and advance of other women, and that is the method suggested here (and elsewhere by me at the time of the 50 years jubilee), of conferring on women some of those titular honours that are so lavishly thrown about on such occasions among men of any sort of eminence. The suggestion was urged his time by many others, and I heard a whisper that it was to be done; but, no! The long list of "Jubilee Honours" does not contain one woman's name: two of the Queen's own sons are honoured, but not one of her daughters, and no sort of recognition is offered to any of the classes of illustrious women whose compeers of the other sex are titled or be-ribboned. This is the way in which the Queen should have shown her sympathy with the new development of her sex's sphere. It is no exaggeration to say, for instance, that Miss Florence Nightingale will live in the history of the Victorian era, with the most certainty of any character except the monarch and her Senior Wrangler this year is a Board busband, and a peerage would have been most properly offered to Miss Nightingale. most properly offered to Miss Nightingale. There are authoresses, actresses, women philanthropists, doctors and public servants fully as illustrious as many of those decorated of the other sex. It is a sad pity that some sprinklings from the fountain that the "ladder from the cottage to the of honour were not directed on this University" is a real thing, however steep and hard to climb. The 45th man on the women who have helped the Queen to

One of our contemporaries, the Lady, commenting on the proposal when it was * * *
The "Address from Women to the would not want to use a title that her Queen," asking for "One royal word of husband did not share. But there is no sympathy with the progress which women have achieved during your Majesty's illushis wife's title, as a wife shares one conreason why a husband should not share trious reign, one expression of gracious ferred on her husband; or if that were not confidence and hope in the happy results agreeable to a man he could be plain "Mr.," which may be expected to follow from still | while his distinguished wife was "Lady, orther enlarging the area brought under with the most perfect assurance that he influence of women," has been signed nothing remarkable was being done; it is y 3,000 representative women, and was a frequent custom already in English dy forwarded for presentation to Her society, and it is odd that a journal pur-Majesty a day or two prior to the Jubilee. porting to be "fashionable" should not be It was handsomely got up; the following aware of that fact. It is officially settled description is supplied by Mrs. Alice Cliff that when a peer's widow marries again, aware of that fact. It is officially settled Scatcherd, the hon sec., to whose inde- she loses the status of his peerage; but fatigible efforts the success of the under- she always clings to the dead husband's title in marriage with another man.

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of the title-in fact, she keeps her own member. existing name and does not take that of the man she marries, and you are introduced and wife. As this is done constantly, nay the healing art made during the Queen's conservative in regard to all such. The the birth of Prince Leopold. sities, but "the day will come!"

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all thy works." Dean Farrar at St. Margaret's, before the Houses of Parliament:

Coronation number, in which it is interest- as a 'decoy of Satan.'" preached by the then Bishop of London. the text being the 34th chapter of the second book of Chronicles and the 31st was still so far a matter of doubt. verse. The specially interesting passage refers to the "ancient and well-remembered glories of female reigns in England; the some feeble-minded people have for being something of a prophet, happily.

Thus, for instance, Lillian, Duchess of Marlborough, is in the eye of the Herald's Office only Lady William Beresford, but she retains the higher title, and we read that the "infant son of Lillian, Duchess White watered silk made in Spitalfields, and the design in crewel work of a crown entwined with roses, shamrock, and thistle, worked by an invalid member.

White watered silk made in Spitalfields, and partly because they do not themselves understand that chloroform, given slowly as it must be in such cases, has no caused a death. Mothers ought to instance, Lillian, Duchess of Marlborough, is in the eye of the Herald's white watered silk made in Spitalfields, and the design in crewel work of a crown entwined with roses, shamrock, and thistle, worked by an invalid member. of Marlborough, and Lord William Beresford, was baptised," and so on. This is done even when there is not a title called after a place to make it less singular; for a baronet's widow continues to be called by a deaf and dumb member. The wrapper adminster the anæsthetic continuously. his name in a second marriage for the sake is of Irish linen embroidered by an Irish The poor, I suppose, must endure in this,

there can be no force in any objection on this occasion we should gratefully recall the score of a gentleman's feelings if his the fact that the example of the Queen had was born. illustrious wife should have a title given her a great influence in popularising anæsthesia. for her merits and services. But new ideas In 1853 she allowed herself to be placed make way slowly, and the Queen is very under the influence of chloroform at honours that women win are yet refused them, at Court no less than at the Univering fifteen minim doses, and the administration lasted nearly an hour. The services of Dr. John Snow were afterwards Waiting royal recognition, that of our It is interesting to note a few of the greatly in request by ladies who, like Jubilee sermon texts. Bishop of London at St. Paul's: "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the the courtiers of Louis XIV., were anxious to have the same experience as their Sovereign. In reply to a lady of a nd compensated by being recognised and precised duly in season. King." The Dean at Westminster Abbey: particularly inquiring mind, who insisted praised duly in season. "I remember the time past. I muse upon on being told exactly what the Queen said all thy works." Dean Farrar at St. Marreplied: 'Her Majesty asked no questions Thou lovest righteousness and hatest until she had breathed very much longer iniquity; therefore God, thy God, hath an you have, and if you will go on in anointed thee with the oil of gladness above loyal imitation I will tell you everything.' thy fellows." The Bishop of Rochester: The patient showed her loyalty in the way "A minister of God for good." The suggested, and when she recovered con-

Truly extraordinary as was the development above mentioned of the fancy that glory not of outward magnificence and sure that they can interpret God's will, Society. The latter has been entirely done far exceeding in duration and intensity that the press in the short space

as in so many ways, needless suffering; but women well off enough to remunerate The Practitioner for June has a descrip- the medical practitioner for the trouble and to Lady Smith and Mr. Jones as husband tion of the advances in all the branches of time of giving chloroform should never consent to be deprived of the blessing of and whe. As this is done constantly, hay invariably, for a woman to retain a title that she has acquired by marriage, and the husband is not supposed to be insulted, Morris, says:—"It is fitting that on the form of the French when the Prince Imperial to the Prince Imperial t of the French when the Prince Imperial

> A good example has been set by the Dundec Courier, which has given a whole The page to portraits of its prominent women fellow-citizens, and an account of all that they have done, both in charity and in Waiting royal recognition, that of our fellow-citizens is an acceptable tribute to

Just as I was reading a new book by Mrs. Oliphant, ready for review, her death is announced. The review will come in due course. The new book has a tone of great sadness, as of one who felt that her day was over. It is sad to think that she Jewish Chief Rabbi: "Many daughters sciousness the discreet Snow had vanished. It may be said without flattery that only a lect remain in vigour to extreme old age, it have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." The Dean of York: "Her children arise up, and call her blessed."

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| It may be said without nattery that only a Queen of the most enlightened spirit would have ventured to submit to the administration of chloroform at a time administration of chloroform at a time administration of chloroform at a time an old lady, verging upon 70, and should The Times has issued a reprint of its when it was denounced by fanatical divines not have minded that fashion had changed It may be added to some extent from what it was when she ing to read the report of the sermon that it needed no little courage, either, to made her greatest successes. She has submit to a process the safety of which lived a very retired life, her home being at Windsor, and she but seldom coming thence to mingle in London society. She was, moreover, very unwilling to be interviewed, or have her portrait published, or to be written about in any way; even the splendour, but the enduring glory of inward and that above all they can be sure that According to one authority it was 1828, but improvement and tranquillity, faction extinguished, commerce enlarged, the church advantage of the scientific knowledge that two years later. She published her first reformed, the pure gospel preached to all the people, and the growth of all that is lovely to gain, it is yet perfectly true that Sir an instant success, and has been frequently and of good report. Of no others in the James Simpson, the discoverer of chlorowhole range of mankind could it be said so form, and the rest of the medical men who tion there has been scarcely a year in truly as of sovereigns that they lived not were first to use the beneficent anæsthetic which she has not sent forth a book of for themselves alone but for the weal and for the relief of mothers, were abused some kind or another. Her writings have woe of others. Their virtues, their errors, violently by clergymen and others for trying been very varied; she was not merely a extended their moral influence to the whole to help women to "evade the primal curse"! novelist, but what the French would call of their people." The good Bishop was I doubt if Mr. Morris could give chapter "a woman of letters." Probably her repuand verse for any "religious" objection tation in Victorian literature would ulti-An important sum of money has been raised for a gift to the Queen by the members of the Girls' Friendly Society, of which she became the patron in 1880. Their presentation takes a double form, one part of the total sum collected from part of the total sum collected from tage almost at once of this beneficent discovery in a suffering world. It is melan to the matter of the matter of the matter of the total sum collected from tage almost at once of this beneficent discovery in a suffering world. It is melan to the matter of the did was well done, yet it was impossible but that, writing so much, there should be some signs of haste and some degree of carelessness in her productions. It is not given to mortal powers to write equally well so many navels, so many higher almost a sum of the patron in 1880. being made to other employments of mately have stood higher if she had members and associates in Great Britain covery in a suffering world. It is melan- well so many novels, so many biographies, and the colonies being devoted to the choly to reflect that even yet, after so many a history of English literature, a history of Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, years, there should be comparatively so and the other to an illuminated account of few cases in which women are allowed the the "world's work" of the Girls' Friendly benefit of this alleviation of an awful anguish endless variety of works as she gave to

even so long a literary life as that of this cannot be said that the ladies played either SIGNALS FROM FRIEND TO FRIEND. idustrious and distinguished woman of slowly or unmeaningly. On the contrary, there tters.

A deputation from women's associations, neaded by the Hon. Mrs. Bertrand Russell, irged upon the St. Pancras Vestry the stead of Miss Thurgood, resigned. Mrs. that the sanitary inspector whose business t was to examine workshops and factories where females were employed should be of

accede to the wish of the deputation. s a male inspector receives.

success in her arduous undertaking."

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the meeting,

Copy of Signature.

A. MAUDE M. BAMFORD SLACK. The new club will be opened in a few weeks time at No. 15 Grosvenor-crescent, Hyde Park Corner.

for the purpose of mutual education; (b) to support, by every means in our power, measures which will secure to women the same Parliamentary rights as men; (c) to put down the evil effects of sex bias; (d) o put down class prejudice; (e) to educate public opinion as to the importance of economic independence of women; (f) to support co-education and to encourage the combined action of men and women in all public work. Further information may be had from the hon. sec., Mrs. Somerville 17, Netherwood-road, Kensington, W. We report the inaugural meeting on another

A ladies international chess competition was opened on Wednesday last at the Hotel Cecil. An authority on the game writes of

The six prizes range in value from £60 to £10 besides a brilliancy prize of £10, given by Baron von Rothschild. In spite of the heat and the Trimelimit incidents occurred, it chance.

and several players moved almost too rapidly. Regarding the play generally it may be observed that if it lacks force at critical points—the force, that is, which characterizes the games of riged upon the St. Pancras Vestry the lesirableness of appointing another lady as sanitary inspector of workshops in the imagined. Occasionally chances are missed, and sometimes blunders occur as in all ordinary Russell pointed out how necessary it was contests, but most of the games are closely contested according to orthodox rules.

A correspondent calls attention to a very e same sex. It was unanimously decided largely signed address from the medical profession to the Prince of Wales, asking But nothing seems to have been said about for the formation of a Central Hospital the reason why Miss Thurgood resigned Board for London. A general committee and the reformation of the evil against has been formed with this object in view: and the reformation of the evil against has been formed with this object in view; which she so protested. Miss Thurgood did the total number of persons whose names will have but little weight when placed in the have asked for, therefore, was that Miss they are not medical women; the names herself alone, and not for the society with which she is associated so closely. Our cones-Bruton-street on June 17th, the following Women have been left entirely out; "That owing to the insuperable diffi- Wales asks for the management by this circulated for signature from that office culties in the reorganisation of the Pioneer Club, we agree that it is best for Mrs. Philipps to start an entirely new club in connection with the Women's Institute

Wales asks for the management by this body of the distribution of the very large sum of money contributed to the Prince of Wales' Hospital Jubilee Fund, and the memorial states:—"For the distribution of deliberation in the Society of Friends, to explain that while it is quite correct that instead of continuing the reorganisation so important a public gift, we venture, in upon this occasion men and women deliberated of the Pioneer Club, and we wish her all the interests of the poor, the public, and the hospitals themselves, to urge the formation, at an early date, of a Central Hospital Board, including lay and medical representatives of the medical charities of the representation of the medical charities the metropolis, which leaves out of sight those now carried on by medical women; any to object to the same previously to the nor ought it to be accepted as satisfactory A new Society for bringing women for the distribution of this very large sum of money. It may be mentioned that all the the name of "Metropolitan Association hospitals for women officered by men are of Women in Council." The objects are well represented on this committee, and given in the preliminary prospectus as follows:—(a) To get in touch with women for the purpose of mutual education; (b)

Women in Codner. The objects are well represented on this committee, and provide the preliminary prospectus as as our correspondent says:—"The absolute exclusion of medical women is the more emphatic since the Homeopathic nearly all the cases of unruly conduct among Hospital is represented."

> refrain from appropriating Wednesday, July 7th, there will be very little prospect of the Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill passing through Committee. It is true that at present this measure stands as the first order for that day; but after Whitsuntide the rule Miss Newton's motion was carried. I must add, in obtains that public Bills other than Government Bills shall be arranged on the notice hardly treated, that table waters, lemonade paper so as to give priority to those most advanced, and the proceedings of Wednesday, June 30th—when the Plumbers' Registration Bill (as amended by the Standing Committee) is the first order after which come the Factory Acts (Fishing Trade) Bill and the Service Franchise Bill (both in Committee)—are tolerably certain to dominitee)—are tolerably certain to dominitee. When the sum of the dominitee was celebrated with much enthusiasm to deprive Mr. Begg of the precedence which he now enjoys in the following Sanger Davies, English Church Chaplain in

ANNIE I. WHEATLEY.—This correspondent is one amongst many members of the British Women's Temperance Association who have written to express their utter dissent from the position taken up by their president in favour of the State provision for vice in the Army, in her letter to Lord George Hamilton. The very number of these letters renders it impossible to answer them; but, besides that, the editor feels that the members of the B.W.T.A. should make their protest through their organisation; it is for such a purpose that an organisation exists. The branches should inform themselves upon the subject, and should, as branches, express both to their own headquarters and in the public press their dissent from their president in this matter, provided they feel such, which the vote at the Annual Council seems to indicate is hardly the her duty very satisfactorily, and pluckily appearuponitis 196—the great majority are and wisely resigned because she was not paid as much as the men inspectors doing are women and appearently they are not constituted in the control of the state of the constitution of the control of the cont paid as much as the men inspectors doing similar work. What Mrs. Russell ought to Courtenay and Miss M. A. Tillard. The striking feature, however, is not only this feeling against such legislation, or to give their At a meeting of the ladies invited to join the reorganised Pioneer Club, held at Bruton-street on June 17th, the following resolution was passed:—

"That owing to the insuperable difficulty of the reorganise of the insuperable difficulty of the reorganise of the ladies invited to join the reorganise of the reorganise

> in unison more fully than heretofore, it is not correct to say that they voted together, as voting never takes place at the sittings of the Friends in their yearly meeting. She adds:— "It is one of the most striking features in our deliberations that all our 'Minutes' made by metropolis." It is obvious that it is no proper the clerk, virtually the chairman of each sitting, are submitted to the congregation before they signing; no vote is ever taken.

MRS. FRENCH, guardian of the Richmond Workhouse, writes to give an account of the decision of the guardians not to allow beer at the Jubilee dinner to the inmates: "Miss Foster Newton, well known as a guardian of nine years' standing and an intelligent friend of the inmates came from drink, the intoxicants being generally supplied by friends on going-out days. It would be unwise to give in the work-It is feared that even if the Government house such beverages as we condemn if taken outside, while each occasion of taking alcoholic drinks only aided in keeping alive the unwhole some craving for stimulants. Other temperance advocates, notably Mr. F. W. Dimbleby, the widely-known Good Templar, expressed their concurrence. Some guardians who were not total abstainers saw the good sense of her remarks. order to show the Richmond poor are not to be &c., are to be supplied at the feast, and Miss Foster Newton and Mr. Dimbleby are offering strawberries and cream to the inm own expense as a supplementary treat.

I. G., a kind and valued correspondent now travelling in the Tyrol, thinks it would interest others to hear that the celebration of the Jubilee exciting conditions outside, there was a fairly representative company, including many ladies, several leaders and masters of chess, and two or three members of Parliament who played in the recent match. All but one of the 20 selected representatives appeared, the place of Miss Foott (America) being taken by Miss Hooke, we what we may, the enemy has his panied by an appreciative audience, proceeded chance.

'The National Anthem.' Under the able management of the Rev. J. Sanger Davies three beautiful bonfires were arranged, and blazed away among the mountains quite beautifully. The weather was perfect, and no wind interfered. Masses of coloured lanterns shone along balconies and windows, and British and Tyrolean flags and illuminations were lavishly displayed The mountains in the evening light were superb, and all was in harmony with the exalted feelings of 'God Save our Noble Queen.'"

THE WEST END IN THE PAST.

IT would be curious if London could be con jured back for a day or two to what it was early in this century, that those of the present time might be aware of their advantages, as compared with those enjoyed even at that recent period. Amongst other changes, the pavements, independently of macadamisation, have undergone immense improvements, and, besides the widening of many of the principal streets, the art of driving must have made great progress, for in Fleet-street, in which the carriage-way has been in places narrowed, I remember it no uncommon occurrence to see stoppages for nearly an hour together, though now there is scarcely such a thing for five minutes, notwithstanding the introduction of omnibuses and cabs, and a great increase of private carriages and of traffic of all sorts. annot account for this, unless that men's wits sharpen as occasion demands. At that time the flagways were generally much narrower than they are now, and so ill-laid that what were called beau-traps were to be met with in almost every street; that is, loose flags, which, being pressed upon, splashed the leg up to the I think even the term is now all but forgotten. The crossings were neither raised nor swept, and both carriage and footways were so unskilfully laid, that they were scarcely ever

To add to these inconveniences the town was dimly lighted with oil, much more dimly than dimly lighted with oil, much more dimly than later, when improvements were introduced in opposition to gas. The first exhibition of gas was made by Winsor, in a row of lamps in front of the colonnade before Carlton House, then standing in the lower part of Waterloo-place, and I remember hearing Winsor's pro-ject of lighting the Metropolis laughed to score by a company of very scientific men. To the honour of the East, Finsbury-square was the first public place in which the new system was adopted, and to the disgrace of the West,

Grosvenor-square was the last. have contributed to the convenience and orna-ment of the metropolis none are more striking than those in the parks. The state in which they are kept does great credit to those who have the management of them. The right-lined into so graceful a piece of water and so beauti-

Current Relus FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The Empress Frederick of Germany has very Kindly given permission for her six drawings, now being exhibited at the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, Piccadilly, to be sold for the benefit of the Crown Princess of Henry Irving, in opening the proceedings, said: Greece's hospital at Athens.

on which the beaus are atternately of damping of the companied by a letter in which the Pope sends his application and a stout heart. Another notebenediction to the Queen Regent, accompanying it with expressions of admiration at the courage and wisdom displayed by Her Majesty in the difficulties by which she has been surrounded.

LADY REGISTRAR AT BOSTON.—Boston (Lin-clushire) Guardians have appointed Miss colnshire) Guardians have appointed Miss Clarissa Shout registrar of births and deaths for the Boston district. There were five other candidates, all men, and Miss Shout was appointed by one vote.

The cause of education, and especially of women's education, is the poorer by the loss of MNONGST the objects of this new society are Miss Fanny Metcalfe. Endowed with mental abilities and a force of character which would Suffrage, equal pay for equal work, against abilities and a force of character which would Suffrage, equal pay for equal work, against class and sex prejudice, in the necessity for effort, Miss Fanny Metcalfe naturally entered the profession which alone was onen to women or women on social matters, the Suffrage, equal pay for equal work, against class and sex prejudice, in the necessity for economic independence of women, co-education and according to the profession which alone was onen to women on social matters, the Suffrage, equal pay for equal work, against class and sex prejudice, in the necessity for economic independence of women, co-education and a force of character which would suffrage, equal pay for equal work, against class and sex prejudice, in the necessity for economic independence of women on social matters, the suffrage, equal pay for equal work, against class and sex prejudice, in the necessity for economic independence of women on social matters, the suffrage, equal pay for equal work, against class and sex prejudice, in the necessity for economic independence of women, co-education and the profession which alone was onen to women on social matters, the suffrage is the profession which alone was onen to women on social matters. the profession which alone was open to women during her early years—namely, that of teaching.

She and her elder sister, Miss Annie Metcalfe,

The inaugural meeting was held at 49, She and her elder sister, Miss fannie Metcalle, established a school for girls at Highfield, Elgin-crescent, by invitation of Miss Wolff Van But amongst the many improvements which are contributed to the convenience and ornamel scale in 1863, grew by a process of natural development until it is now one of the largest institutions of the kind in the kingdom. Miss Fanny Metcalfe's sympathies, however, first object, "To get in touch with women for the parks. The state in which hey are kept does great credit to those who they are kept does great credit to those who have the management of them. The right-lined formalities of St. James's Park seemed almost to defy the efforts of taste; and I could not have conceived that, without any advantage of ground, the straight canal and unpromising cow-pasture could have been metamorphosed into so graceful a piece of water and so beautimto so graceful a piece of water and so beautifully varied a shrubbery. In walking round the water, almost at every step there is a new and striking point of view of buildings and foliage. Living to see great changes take place in the tone of public though with regard to women's intellectual and training, was to put before them the first object, and as the eloquent speakers after her were to prove to them the great necessity there was for the women's intellectual and training, wisdom which retains what is best of the old ideals and assimilates therewith what is best of the council of West-field College. Living to see great changes take place in the tone of public though with regard to women's intellectual and training, was to put before them the first object, and as the eloquent speakers after her were to prove to them the great necessity there was for the combined action of women, she would consider the place of the claiman. In the meantime, her duty of the chairman. In the meantime, her duty of the chairman.

Horse Guards, Westminster Abbey, and other inferior objects, seen between and over the trees, form a combination and a variety I have never seen equalled.

The widened, extended, and well-kept rides and drives in Hyde Park, with the bridge and the improvement of the Serpentine, and in other respects, form a most advantageous comparison with the former state; whilst the beauties of the Regent's Park, both as to buildings and grounds, seem like the effect of magic when contrasted with the remembrance of the quagmire of filth and the cowsheds and wretched dwellings of which they occupy the place.—Walker's Original.

which retains what is best of the old ideals and assimilates therewith what is best of the old ideals and assimilates therewith what is best of the sact is best of the new.

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It is announced that Mrs. May Wright Sewall, who is herself the head of one of the leading American Woman Suffragists, has been elected by the School Board of Grand Rapids, the "Second City" in the State of Illinois, to give the address to the graduating students at the High School. This is considered an honour, and it is one which has never before been offered to a lady.

Sir Henry Irving unveiled a statue of the famous actress, Mrs. Siddons, on Paddington Green. The Siddons family was represented by Miss Harriott Siddons, Miss Sarah Siddons, Miss Sarah Siddons Mair, Miss Harriott Siddons, Misr, great grand-daughters, and Colonel Mair, creet grand on Mrs. Gordon a grand piece. Siddons' grandson, were also present. Sir Henry Irving, in opening the proceedings, said: "It is a great pride to me to unveil this statue, and to congratulate the inhabitants of Padding-The Maharajah of Cashmere intends to com- ton on the possession of so admirable a memorial The Manarajan of Cashmere intends to commende the sixtleth anniversary of the reign of the Queen Empress by founding two hospitals for women—one at Srinaggur and the other at Jummoo, which will be in charge of women doctors.

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The St James's Gasette says:—"Our legister of the reign of a famous Englishwoman. London is rich in statues, chiefly of people whom nature did not expressly design to be immortalised in that particular way. Few men or women look well in marble or bronze, but to-day you see one of the ideal models of the sculptor's art, and the support of the reign of the famous Englishwoman. London is rich in statues, chiefly of people whom nature did not expressly design to be immortalised in that particular way. Few men or women look well in marble or bronze, but to-day you see one of the ideal models of the sculptor's art, and the control of the reign The St. James's Gazette says:—"Our legislators and their ladies are to have their Jubilee luncheon at St. Stephen's after all.

But this will be forgotten, perhaps, in the generous allowance for wine. If a lunch without liquor is to be provided for five shillings, we see at what figure the Kitchen Committee estimated the drinking power of the guests. Gentlemen's tickets at twenty-one shillings and ladies' at fifteen shillings gave the former sixteen shillings and the latter ten shillings of liquid refreshment! That is pretty well for the afternoon, even on a hot Commemoration Day."

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Leo XIII. has sent to the Queen Regent of Leo XIII. has sent to the Queen Regent of Spain, by means of the Nuncio at Madrid, a splendid rosary, formed of a chain of fine gold, on which the beads are alternately of diamonds, triumphant witness to the merits of those

Public Weetings

METROPOLITAN ASSOCIA= TION OF WOMEN IN COUNCIL.

JELLIES AND JAMS.

Don't buy a jelly simply because it is cheap. Don't buy it because your children like sweet things. Don't buy it because your neighbour

delicious jams, and delicate flavours for Chivers'
Jellies. Now as to cleanliness, the most conscientious care is used, everything is scrupulously washed, water is lavishly used, and all the rinsings are pumped into a field some distance away. Besides, all the apparatus used in the

My advice to young women is, first, to work.

My advice to young women is, first, to work. Let them find some employment in the pursuit of which means may be found to be independent of early marriage. And, second, having found the work for which they are best adapted, don't

let them be in a hurry to marry.—Lady Jeune PROMISES made in the time of affliction require

better memory than people commonly possess.

A. Daudet.

Most men and women grow rich in character rather by what they relinquish than by what

SAFE PURSE.

they acquire.

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JUBILEE DRESSES.

exertions obtained 600 names on a petition to be presented to the Parliament of that day. This was 30 years ago, and the work was thirty times harder to do, as public opinion had not been educated up to the point it is at present. The audience appreciated Mrs. Padman's humour and enthusasam.

Miss Wardlaw Best spoke on "Sex bias." Miss Wardlaw Best spoke on "Catagona Best spoke on "Sex bias." Miss Wardlaw Best spoke on "Catagona Best spoke on "Garden-party focks later on the best dresses were worn at the Mansion of the Lady Mayoress looked most strings, only for spoke on "Garden-party focks later on the spoke on "Garden-party focks later on the best of the sex best best spoked most distinguished on the spoke on "Garden-party focks later on the form of the spoke on "Garden-party focks later on the form of the spoke on "Garden-party focks later on the form of the spoke on "Garden-party focks later on the form of the spoke on "Garden-party focks later on the form of the spoke on "G

Mrs. Morgan Browne made some well pointed remarks on the objects of the new society as a whole. Woman's Suffrage would not turn this land into a paradise, but an adult woman would be certified by giving a vote as being a responsible person.

Mrs. Gough drew attention to a suffrage petition on the table, which was afterwards signed by a large number of those present. In closing the meeting all who wished to join the Association were invited to communicate with the hon. sec., Mrs. Somerville, at 17, Netherwood-road, West Kensington.

A: "I had a great surprise last evening."

B: "How was that?" A: "My wife introduced me to a fellow who never was one of her old admirers."

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MISTRESS: "Mary, how was it I saw you treating your friends to my cake and fruit?"

Mary: "I can't tell, ma'am, for the loife of me, for I'm sure I covered the keyhole."

Mother: "Mother: "Mary that the been paying a great deal of attention to you of late. Do you think he means business." Mary A GENTLEMAN, accompanied by a fady wearing a handsome dress and bonnet, came out of the Albert Hall one night to find it raining, while they were without umbrella or waterproof clothing. "Why, Charles," the lady cried, "it's raining!" "So I see," said Charles calmly, "Why, what shall we do?" "I rather think we shall have to let it rain," replied the matter of fact husband. Excited by the disaster awaiting her garments, the lady amused the bystanders greatly by saying, "Why, Charles, how can we, when I have on this light dress and bonnet?"

Ol black SIR canvas over pate pink sir completed the mature. The Countess of Aylesford wore an elaborate toilette of pale mauve, with a single crimson rose nestling at one side of the brim of her black toque. A very smart dress, was worn by Mrs. Henriquez (the married daughter of the Lord Mayor). The material was white gauze, checked and figured with blue, as and brightened by a sash and neckband of cerise velvet. The toilette was completed by a bonnet of blue crinkled straw, trimmed with blue, arming toilette was worn by Mrs. Sackville West, a powder-blue muslin figured with medallions of vieux rose roses, with a collar and was the disaster and bonnet?" The Countess of Aylesford wore an elaborate toilette of pale mauve, with a single crimson rose nestling at one side of the brim of her black toque. A very smart dress, was drue the private and sughter of the Lord Mayor). The material was white gauze, checked and figured with blue, as ash and neckband of cerise velvet. The toilette was completed by a bonnet of blue crinkled straw, trimmed with blue, and brightened by a bonnet of blue crinkled straw, trimmed with blue, and brightened by a bonnet of blue crinkled straw, trimmed with blue, and brightened by a bonnet of blue crinkled straw, trimmed with blue, and brightened by a bonnet of blue crinkled straw, trimmed with blue, and brightened by a bonnet of blue crinkled straw, trimmed with blue, and brightened by a bonnet of blue crinkled straw, trimmed with blue, and brightened

pink. A white muslin hat, with a Beefeater's

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SOME SEASONABLE HINTS.

By seasonable I mean hints that will be found of service during hot weather; but the fickleness of our climate is proverbial, so who can tell what would best appeal to my readers by the time these lines are in print?

I will first mention what is, I think, a novel I will first mention what is, I think, a novel mode of cooking eggs in this country; it is extremely savoury, and just the thing when one feels "off meat." First boil some eggs hard, allowing one for each person, or half an egg for each if the meal is to consist of several courses. When they have lain in the cold water for a time of the half and elice than time after boiling, shell, and slice them rather thickly; then season them with this mixture: cayenne pepper, white pepper, celery salt, a little ground mace, and a few drops of anchovy essence and onion juice—the latter is got by pounding a thin slice or two of onion until the juice flows freely—or you can grate it and use the pulp; dip the slices of seasoned egg into batter thick enough to coat them well, and fry in deep fat to a nice brown; serve hot and crisp. The right accompaniment is fried parsley, which is delicious eaten with them, and some rice boiled as for curry should be sent to table, seasoned with a little cayenne, or, if

a good pinch of salt; add a quarter of a pint of milk warm water and a scant tablespoonful of the finest salad oil; if this is objected to, use from half to a whole ounce of butter, just melted, instead; mix and beat well, then at the last add the stiffly beaten whites of two fresh eggs, when the batter should be used at once. Sift the flour, beat as hard as you like before the whites go in, but not a minute after; then, with fat at the right heat, these can hardly fail to be very good. It may not be known to all that salt used in excess reduces the lightness of any batter; also, that in boiling eggs hard, the water should never once go off the boil; when putting them in the cold water (a great aid to good colour) crack each shell a little.

Here is something new in the way of pie fillings." It is based on a recipe I got from a lady in the States. This has in it less spice than the original. The crust is to be put over a shallow pie dish, or a round tin an inch and a half deep, or so, will do well; prick the bottom and bake, and set away to get cold.

AMERICAN BHUBARR PIE.

Wash and cut up the rhubarb, and stew it with a little water, just a few spoonsful, and an inch of stick ginger and three or four cloves to two pounds; when done, sieve it; then stir over the fire again, with the yolks of a couple of eggs, well beaten in, and sugar to sweeten barely, only a minute will be wanted; when cool put it in the crust. On no account add the sugar while the rhubarb is cooking at first remove the spices, watch that it does not burn and stir often. Many of these pies are filled before baking; but this being so watery would make the crust "sad," to use a well understood term. Now, at the very instant of serving, spread over a thin layer of honey, mixed with grated ginger and nutmeg to suit the taste. This is a nice sweet at small

cost.

In making their pies, Americans lay great stress on the need for ice with which to cool the lard before starting, and this leads me to a hint. Anything in the way of fat can be cooled very well in this way. Set the vessel containing it (which should be of earthenware and deep), into a second vessel with plenty of

cold water in; add a good handful of common cold water in; add a good handful of common salt to every quart of water, and change it as often as necessary. This is not equal to ice, but it has the merit of cheapness; it serves well for butter, and is far better than pouring well for butter, and is far better than pouring cold water over the butter itself, as many do, for that leads to bitterness. Another good plan is to place a common flower-pot of good size over the butter, and wrap some flannel round the pot; this is to be kept cold and damp by frequent supplies of water. Anything wanted in a hurry can be treated in the way first detailed, with the addition of saltpetre; or that alone in the water, if plenty be used, assists the cooling and setting of jellies, creams, assists the cooling and setting of jellies, creams, assists the cooling and setting of jellies, creams, &c., very considerably.

MILK WILL GO SOUR

Some of them have; some have not. But you want more than this in a jelly, do you not? You want a delicious and delicate flavour—is it not so? Very well, then, buy a spite of all one's care sometimes, too sour, in spite of all one's care sometimes, too sour, that is for using in tea, &c., but it is useful for some things, such as scones and other light cakes, so need not be wasted. And let me break off to add a hint which has, however, nothing in common with cookery; that is, when no other use can be found for it is well bestowed upon the floor cloth, should it be linoleum, for a weekly wash over with sour milk adds to the life and brightness of it. This was told me many years ago by a manufacturer and many.

life and brightness of it. This was told me many years ago by a manufacturer, and many have found the knowledge of service.

But to return to cakes. All sorts of soda cakes, in tins or as "rocks," can be made; the sour milk, together with soda, gives lightness. For scones, use a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda to each pound of flour, and about half as picked whilst sweet and fresh. Neighbouring farms now cultivate fruit and send the produce of their explanation to the History Kentzria to walk. and some rice bolicu as on the latter in to table, seasoned with a little cayenne, or, if preferred, curry powder, and the latter ingredient can be mixed with the other seasonings for the eggs. Quite a plain batter, such as is used for pancakes, will do, but the eggs are then better floured a little, that the batter may additional acid. Then, for plain batters, for pancakes, or Yorkshire puddings, it is excellent; few eggs are needed; two to a pint of milk with a little salt; and the latter in much cream of tartar as you would with sweet milk; or when the milk is quite sour, you may get good results without any additional acid. Then, for plain batters, for pancakes, or Yorkshire puddings, it is excellent; few eggs are needed; two to a pint of milk with a little salt; much cream of tartar as you would with sweet milk; or when the milk is quite sour, you may delicious jams, and delicate flavours for Chivers' weet.

Mix a quarter of a pound of fine flour with good pinch of salt; add a quarter of a pint f milk warm water and a scant tablespoonful the finest salad oil: if this is a decomposition of the finest salad oil: if this is a decomposition of the finest salad oil: if this is a decomposition of the finest salad oil: if this is a decomposition of the finest salad oil: if this is a decomposition of the finest salad oil: if this is a decomposition of the finest salad oil: if this is a decomposition of the finest salad oil: if this is a decomposition of the finest salad oil: if this is a decomposition of the finest salad oil: if this is a decomposition of the finest salad oil: if this is a decomposition of the finest salad oil is the finest sala is much better, and here is a very good one, useful for all sorts of dishes, both savoury and oven be sharp, and there should be nothing to

convers Jeilies are sold by Grocers and Stores, in packets. Half-pints, 2½d.; Pints, 4½d.; Quarts, 8d. A Free sample will be sent on receipt of postcard, mentioning this paper. Address, S. Chivers' & Sons, Histon, Cammade by rubbing an ounce of lard or butter into half a pound of flour, with half a teaspoonful of baking powder, one egg and milk to make a light dough, are useful in the summer; they bridge. should be the size of a very small orange, and steamed quickly; half an hour to forty minutes will cook them; serve with a sweet sauce, noney, stewed fruit, &c. The egg is to be beaten hard for a few minutes, as the more air there is incorporated, the lighter the dumplings.

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HOME GARDENING FOR LADIES.

By Mrs. E. L. CHAMBERLAIN, F.R.H.S.

THE BURBISH HEAP

This is not an article on "Playing the Game of Patience." It may be thought a curious title and a curious subject, even an unnecessary one, but it is not so, for a gardener may be known by his rubbish heap, just as a cook may be judged (by an observant eye) from the dinner eves and component parts of her dustbin.

A bad household manager will throw into her dustbin remnants of fish and stale vegetables to pollute the air, and greasy matter, as if to to pollute the air, and greasy matter, as if to make the pollution stick; and crusts, bones, make the pollution stick; and crusts, bones, with other remnants, which should be turned to

there it stays weeks, months, and sometimes years: and hard by is often a manure heap, or hotbed, this and the rubbish become mixed, or at any rate ill qualities of the one invade the other, with ill effects to the future of the

"Why not put all such rubbish together? Would you have us sort it, and have several No. only two: one of pernicious rubbish only, to be destroyed at short intervals, by burning. The ashes may then be added to by burning the second heap, being now innocuous, indeed, beneficial to the land, to which in due time it will be returned

To take the items mentioned categorically. Weeds should either be burnt speedily, because, as I have said in a previous article, they will, in showery weather, take root in the heap and grow, or in fine dry weather they ripen their seed which will shed itself over the heap and its surroundings, including the store of manure; and when this latter is applied to the beds in interfere with the early morning breakfast. autumn with it goes the seed, to spring up next year. If not burnt, and that quickly, weeds must be thickly salted, and very soon turned over and salted again. If stopped from developing in this manner, then they will

do on heap No. 2, if perfectly clean and healthy, but shoots or leaves that are blighted, mildewed, or diseased in any way whatsoever, should be destroyed by burning immediately.

It were nearly as sensible to throw rags infected

by fever or small-pox patients, into a crowded highway, as to leave exposed in your gardens infected leaves or branches or stems, lying, indeed, on the "rubbish heap," but with every wind of heaven spreading the infection they bear, among neighbouring plants. Thus mildew, rust, red-spider, mealy-bug, American blight, maggots, fly, eel-worms, scale, &c., &c., will spread themselves over an extended

So the thriftless, careless gardener will throw together weeds, grass mowings, sweepings of gravel, sour soil from old flowerpots, prunings of trees, fallen leaves, dying plants, pea and bean haulm—anything and everything. And there it stays weeks, months, and sometimes years: and hard by it. chrysanthemums which have their summer quarters near this precious depository. Old sticks and rotten wood go to swell it, thereby are fostered woodlice, and "bug" and such fungoid pests as transfer themselves from the latter, and the garden generally.

"But, why?" I seem to hear, from all sides.

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I may return to this subject again, but will conclude for the present by remarking that the harmless "Heap No. 2" will become eventually more useful if decay is assisted and richness added by soaking it now and then, when it is turned over, with a few pailsful of house slops. Clean, healthy foliage, and other refuse turned over pretty often and saturated from time to time during spring and summer will be of great assistance in the autumn when dug into the vacant ground from which summer crops have been cleared.

THERE is nothing more inimical to health than the worry and bickering which too often

THE NEW LEMONADE.

decay harmlessly, and can be safely dug into the ground when decayed.

Grass-mowings may be thrown on the heap No. 2, or added to the sides of a hot-bed where they help to retain the heat. Some people use them for spreading between the rows of strawberry plants, when in bearing, but I advantage is that it is partly manufactured in the world as if they, of all beings in existence, and I think, too, that the mode of bringing them up is strange, they are not half sufficiently guarded from temptation. Girls are protected as if they were something very frail and silly indeed, while boys are turned loose on the world as if they, of all beings in existence, can't recommend them for this purpose, as when fresh they attract slugs, and when withered by the sun they are apt to stick to the ripe berries which come in contact with them.

Italy, in the midst of the lemon orchards. The lemons are taken direct from the trees to the factory to commence their transformation the sun they are apt to stick to the ripe berries which come in contact with them.

Rubbish containing gravel or other stones should be riddled, as these crack and fly about if burnt, and if left in the unburnt rubbish will get back in the beds, where they are not wanted.

Some soil may go into heap No. 1; when burnt it will do, among other ashes, for the burnt it will not harm

THE WRITER OF THIS LETTER is Mr. L. Caselton, 15, King George Street, Greenwich, London, S.E. He says:

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CORSETS.

To the Editor of the Woman's Signal.

Dear Madam,—Your correspondent "M. W. U." has given several good reasons why corsets should not be worn; perhaps, therefore, a few hints would be useful as to how unpleasant results may be obviated.

It is true that present day attire is planned throughout to be worn with corsets, and this makes it necessary to spend some thought and trouble in devising a comfortable and nice looking style of dress to be worn without them. Once accomplished, the resultant ease and absence of weight or drag are found to be well

worth the effort. worth the effort.

"The feeling of the waistband around the unprotected waist, the weight of the skirt on the hips and that awful chasm at the back the hips and that awful chasm at the back between bodice and skirt "can all be done away with by reducing the underclothing to woven combinations, bodice with suspenders attached, and knickerbockers, and by adopting for the dress some such style as the following:— Directoire, Princess, Empire, Princess-pinafore Russian blouse, or the universal coat skirt and blouse. For the latter finish off the blouse with a waistband to which the skirt may be ed, or attach the latter to a small bodice of thin lining.—Yours faithfully, A. G. T.

of the Middle Ages would look well, but I have never yet found a dressmaker who would go beyond the fashion book, it would not be worth her while. I do not find that my flannel bodice gives any support to the bust or abdomen. When I run fast and when I ride, I feel greatly the need of a support. What is required is support not pressure. Greek dress only

But, being a woman only, I can be Not great, but good."

The Poet Laureate's Jubilee Ode

To the Editor of the Woman's SIGNAL. Dear Madam,—With reference to your interesting article on "Great Queens," in the last number of the Woman's Signal, it occurs to me that it is well for Mr. Alfred Austin that this is 1897, and not 1597, for, most assuredly, if he had ventured to offer such insulting trash as that above cited to Queen Elizabeth, she would have torn up his ode, and in all probability, with the rougher manners then in vogue, would have boxed his ears into the

A Poet Laureate has a prescriptive right to be silly, but not to be insolent.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT JAMES LEEDS.

June 27th, 1897.

THE FRIENDS' MEETING.

To the Editor of the Woman's SIGNAL.

which carries on the Society business from one The Editor does not hold herself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents. Discussion is invited on the subjects here written upon in the subjects here were subjects of the subject of the subjects of the subject of th one anniversary day, but meets monthly to transact business.—Believe me, yours truly, A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY

CORDEN ON WOMEN'S POSITION. To the Editor of the Woman's Signal.

Dear Madam,—I am sending you a copy of letter written by Cobden on the question of Women's Rights," perhaps some week you

women's rights, pernaps some week you will find a space for it in THE SIGNAL.

I should like to recommend a perusal of "The Life of Richard Cobden" (Morley) to workers for the emancipation of women. Cobden should be to us an inspiration and an

This far-seeing, sweet-natured man pursued his end in the face of opposition and obloquy, never losing faith in his cause, nor in human nature. It is true he saw the fruit of his labours in the repeal of the Corn Laws, but in regard to much of his work the harvest is yet

regard to much of his work the harvest is yet ungathered; he knew it must be so, yet neither faltered nor flagged.

Especially should his temper animate us. To be fighting for a cause supposes opponents, many of them sincerely convinced that we are in the wrong, more of them thoughtlessly drifting in the weightless of activations were a tempine. in the main stream of opinion; we are stemming To the Editor of the Woman's Signal.

Madam,—The present style of dress never looks well on those who wear no stays, from the bodice and skirt being separate. The plan which I adopt is to wear no underskirt and to have my dresses princess fashion. I am very comfortable, very active, and no doubt very dowdy. "Princesses" are not worn and are difficult to cut. A dress somewhat in the style the tide, we must expect opposition and contin

Thanking you for your valiant part in the battle, I am, dear editor, sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. Eyres.

Carlton-terrace, Gateshead.

up to its own standard in its practice, did more than anything since the world began to elevate 2s. 9d. a box, or six for 13s. 9d. They are sold women. The Quakers have acted Christianity, and their women have approached nearer to an equality with the other sex than any of the descendants of Eve. I am always labouring to put down physical force, and substitute some-thing better, and therefore I consider myself a fellow-labourer with your daughter in the cause of women's rights. And yet, strange to say, women are the greatest favourers of soldierin and sailoring and all that appertains to war."

TOO COURTEOUS FORBEARANCE.

A GENTLEMAN, making a morning call upo a late county member of great taste and scrupulous courtesy, was accompanied into the library by a beautiful kid, which he found standing at the street-door. During the conversation the animal proceeded round the room, examining the different objects of art with ludicrous curiosity, till, coming to a small bronze statue, placed upon the floor, he made a butt at it and knocked it over. The owner of the honse taking no notice his visitor observed. a late county member of great taste and Madam,—Your correspondent, Mrs. Montefiore, in alluding to the way in which Friends
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"That kid is a special favourite, I perceive; how long have you had it?" "I had it!"
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MISERIES OF AN EX= COLLIER'S DAUGHTER.

NEAR the big colliery at Coalpit Heath, Gloucestershire, stands a house which has sheltered during more than seventy years the family of Mr. Edward Mitchell. Formerly a collier, he now finds sufficient employment in his garden and among his pigs. About twelve months ago his daughter, about twenty-two months ago his daughter, about twenty-two years of age, suddenly became very ill, and occasioned the family serious concern. Able doctors were called in to see her, and all sorts of remedies were tried, no expense being spared to effect a cure. But the patient rapidly became worse, until about four or five months

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a large local in firmary. I was told that it was indigestion that I was suffering from. I had completely lost my appetite; if I forced myself to eat a little food I endured agonies; I could not sleep at night, and became so weak that I could not I wish I had tried

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills before; I should have saved a lot of money, and spared myself a good deal of suffering. I am feeling myself a good deal of suffering. I am feeling perfectly well now, yet I have only taken three boxes of Dr. Williams' Pills. Everybody in the village will tell you that I am quite a different

To sufferers like Miss Mitchell, Dr. Williams' LETTER OF RICHARD COBDEN TO
J. PARKES ON ARLE DUFOURS'
"THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN."—Feb. an impoverished state of the blood and nerves, support not pressure. Greek dress only answers for evening wear.—Yours truly, PROGRESS.

"With the dread summons, since 'tis Heaven's decree, I would not palter, even if I could; But, being a woman only, I can be

Not great, but good."

"THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN."—Feb. 11th, 1860.

"He would not allow the word 'obey' to be used by women in the marriage ceremony, and has other very rebellious notions. My doctrine is that in proportion as physical force declines in the world, and moral power acquires the ascendant, women will gain in the scale. Christianity in its doctrines, though not yet coming up to its own standard in its practice, did more than anything since the world began to elevate the summon's pale and sallow complexion, weakness, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, pains in the back, nervous headache, early decay, all forms of female weakness, hysteria, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, sciatica, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, sciatica, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, sciatica, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, sciatica, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, science, tianity in its doctrines, though not yet coming up to its own standard in its practice, did more than anything since the world began to elevate. only in pink wrapper, with the full name, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People; pink pills sold loose or from glass jars are not ge

> " MAKE a little fence of trust Around to day; Fill the space with loving work,
> And therein stay.
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