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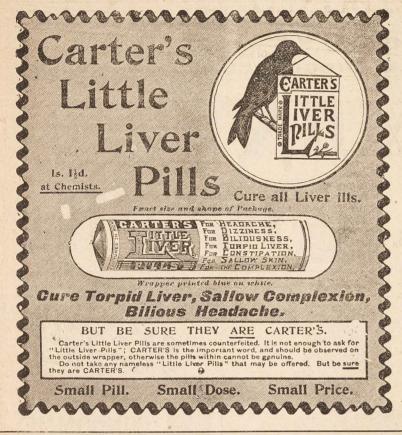
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## AN INTERVIEW

MRS. HOOPER.

while trips are constantly organised by men, glances at those who succeed in appropriat- she never chooses inferior ones. I had carewe only find one woman who has succeeded in ing them; what pushing to secure our bags fully provided myself with a tin of Keating's

number of tours to various places of interest on the Continent. This woman is Mrs. Hooper, and some account of her work and of herself should have special interest just at present, when the shall we go for our summer

A large proportion of English-- to say nothing of Englishmen-do not take advantage of the increased facilities for Continental travelling. Though anxious to visit the many beauty and read, they shrink from the difficulties of making themselves understood in a foreign language, and then there is the difference of the money, and the doubt of what the total expense will be. and the weariness of looking for suitable hotels, besides a thousand and one other lions in the path, real or imaginary. And so, when the varied beauties of Switzerland or Italy are enlarged upon. many people shake their heads or shrug their shoulders, with a very decided "No! not for us! We will remain in our own country." One lady, with a very serious countenance, remarked that her friends had specially warned her against the "dreadful brigands" that she would meet at Vesuvius. She actually worked herself into a perfect fever about them, while, in reality, there was no danger at all to be en-

To all who wish to avoid trouble or avert timidity Mrs. Hooper (From Photo taken in Palestine, in costume, of "A Daughter of Jerusalem.") I then wrote to the agent and asked him if I got eight

interest that never fails, and which it would be taken up. To see her to perfection is to see her our three parties, who went at three different

her tours this spring -a tour embracing Rome, one in the morning, surrounded by an irritable, are not, I know, confined to ladies only. Some Naples, Sorrento, Florence, and Venice-I can weary throng, demanding what they were to do. people seem to imagine that this is the case, so speak with the advantage of personal experi- It was Easter time, and all the hotels were it is well to undeceive them.

ence. Never once did she lose her temper crammed. But everything had been arranged or her patience, though both were often sorely beforehand. With quiet determination Mrs. tried. It is surprising how travelling develops Hooper handed out to everyone the number of the latent selfishness that lies dormant in every his or her room, and we all departed peacefully Editress of "Our Sisters," and Organiser of one of us. Most of us show our worst side to rest, and a peared next morning at breakfast, THE CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL TOURS. during a railway journey that extends into as fresh as paint and as amiable as angels. the small hours of the night. What rushing One thing I may mention, and that is, that In the department of Continental travelling, for corner seats in the train; what angry Mrs. Hooper always goes to first-rate hotels,

insect powder, as on a former occasion during a tour to the Engadine I had a most unpleasant experience of the dirt and discomfort to be met with at a small Italian town, but when I was with Mrs. Hooper I never had occasion to use it. The hotels we went to were all first-class, and the accommodation and food excellent. The Hotel de la Ville, at Milan, and the Hotel Victoria, at Venice, may be described as

Mrs. Hooper has taken up her quarters at 158, Strand, at which ffice her useful little magazine, Our Sisters," is now issued. On the particular day when I called n her the room was bright with tasteful arrangements of white narguerites and yellow butterups, sent by friends from the ountry. I asked Mrs. Hooper when she first started her tours, and what made her think of eginning them?

"I began in '91," she answered with the quick, bright promptidude which is characteristic of ner. "The year before I was anxious to go abroad, as I was always fond of travelling, but my husband could not accomp any me, so he said, 'Why can't you get some of your friends to go with you?' So I got three other ladies, and we went off. I paid my own separate expenses, ut on my return I found the trip had cost me more than it had done my friends, as they had elected one of themselves as commander-in-chief and head cashier.

boon." Youthful in appearance, bright and in the nets; how anxious we all are to people to join me would be give me a free buoyant in temperament, with a remarkable have the best rooms at the hotels! With all ticket? He said if I got 12 he would; so I set natural organising faculty, she is just the these contending claims Mrs. Hooper has to to work and made up a party of 16. This was person to take a party in hand. She positively deal, and by dint of coaxing, reasoning and my first experiment, and it was quite successseems to enjoy looking after her people, pro- smiling she manages to smooth down the ruffled ful. The following year my husband came viding for their wants, arranging how they are feathers of the discontented ones, and to keep with us, and we had a pleasant party of 87. to go, what they are to see, how and when peace and harmony in our midst. Tact is a gift In '93 two parties were taken, numbering in all they are to eat, drink and sleep, and she does which comes to Mrs. Hooper by nature, and it 69; in '94 three parties went with us, it with a kindly forethought, a genuine personal eminently fits her for the work which she has numbering 138; and the following year, in '95,

as I have done, standing in the hall of the times, made up our number to be 197." As I have been with Mrs. Hooper on one of Hotel Minerva at Rome, between twelve and "That is marching on, indeed! Your parties



MRS. HOOPER.

old Scotch woman-'I hold wi' men.' An suppose? Adamless Eden would not suit me at all. My first party was made up of ladies only, but the variety. I may add that several happy mar-

never have the opportunity of meeting other-"You do not always visit the same places?"

riages have resulted from my Continental

tours. People are thrown together who would

"Oh! dear, no. This summer I have planned a three weeks' holiday to the Tyrol and Bavarian Oberland-an unknown region to the average English tourist. The first Tyrol party leaves London on the 23rd July. We visit, in carriages, Innsbruck, Partenkirchen, the King's castles, we have a week's rest among the snow mountains, within walking distance of two glaciers."

"How delightful that sounds! It seems wonderful how it can all be done-three such weeks-for seventeen guineas, including the six days' carriage drives. Ordinary travellers would have to pay ever so much more."

"Yes, it requires a good deal of arrangement and planning beforehand. But I like all that, it comes quite easily to me."

"And you are able to get on with the foreign Tyrol is so different from ours. Most people get puzzled amongst the hellers and kreutzers

"I had a little difficulty at first, but I soon mastered it. Arithmetic is one of my strong points, you must know, and I have had a good

"Have you been planning anything fresh?"

and Jerusalem. I had my photograph done selves." as a daughter of Jerusalem, here it is!

"You must have been rather knocked up by such a long journey, weren't you?"

"No. I must admit that I do not like the about it. Next year I shall probably take a party to the Holy Land, travelling across France to Marseilles by land, and then on to

"You have your hands full for the summer, at all events.'

"Yes!" was the careless answer. "My fortnight's tour for eight guineas—and then we have another to France, Switzerland and Italy for thirty-five guineas, conducted out and home by a clergyman and his wife, both old tourist friends, who went with us to Rome in '92. of details, Another party goes to Rome on Tuesday, October 12th, for thirteen guineas, this I con duct myself, as also the Tyrol and Bavarian overland parties. . . .

"Oh! stop, please stop. It makes one's head reel only to think of all this. Do you

"Yes!" answered Mrs. Hooper, smiling, "I always make Sunday a day of rest. It is a rule with me never to travel on Sundays.'

"Certainly it is!" answered Mrs. Hooper, "And a very good rule, too. You allow the THE "LADY" AND THE with one of her merry laughs. "I am like the people who go with you to do as they like, I

"Oh! yes. Of course, on week days, when THERE was recently an attempt made to we have guides or carriages engaged, we expect explain the difference between these two words, following year it included a large proportion of all to go with the rest of the party, but on which was not altogether satisfactory. gentlemen, and amongst them several clergymen. Sundays they can make excursions if they Since then we try to have as many of the choose. During the Tyrol tour I hope to have stronger sex as possible. It gives a spice of several pic-nics, and to live a great deal in the lovers of the country."

"Quite an ideal plan for a summer holiday. the English tourist.'

"I have tried to do so." answered Mrs. Hooper. "There are such countless advantages to be gained from seeing foreign countries. Besides the interest and pleasure, almost unconsciously we learn a great deal. I do all that is possible to help in this direction. During Ober Ammergau, the Arlberg, St. Anton and the Italian trip in the spring, as you know, I Finstermunz, which commands a magnificent had Signor Spadoni to lecture, and everywhere view of the Engadine mountains. At St. Anton I make a point of giving all information were given on the spots where the event he described took place—the Palace of the Casars and the Colisseum, for instance. And then we have after-dinner chats," continued Mrs. Hooper; "in those I wish to prepare our friends ingoing to see next day."

"That is an excellent idea. So many run of homes of the so-called "upper" classes. through churches and museums without a thought of what they are looking at. It is so ordering of a large establishment (even through money? The Austrian coinage used at the great an advantage to be thus prepared for the medium of the best of housekeepers), what is to be seen.'

is doing a very real service to the public. In replace her, as a gentle-mannered, gentledeal of practice with the coinage of various By means of such tours, he says, "Thousands which she formerly dispensed to others? The islands, who otherwise never would for a nay, even 50 would not be so, for there would "Last January, I went with some friends to moment have passed beyond its shores, have be very little of the hard work understood as the Holy Land, as I wanted to work it up," been enabled to go and return in safety and menial labour required. To be up early in the replied Mrs. Hooper. "We were away six comfort, and with great enjoyment and great morning with the children, and listen to their weeks, and visited Cairo, Alexandria, Joppa, refreshment, and great improvement to them- bird-like prattle at breakfast, to teach them their

to taste the delights of travel, who otherwise lisp their heart-felt prayers, would fill the aching sea, and I am not at all a good sailor, but as alone and unaccompanied from their native beat with a love and tenderness that would be shores. She has given them the benefit of her none the less sincere because it had arisen, like personal sympathy, her brightness and her a Phoenix, from the ashes of an almost smothered experience; and by her organising ability, judgment and kindness, has associated herself

In such a position there is little or no mixing

most refreshing experiences. husband takes one party to Switzerland—a free from her office, 158, Strand, for two penny else. stamps) gives full particulars of the tours she is The angel lives thus confided to her care now organising, and should inspire many ladies | would bloom into blessings for the family and who may be planning a holiday to go to "pastures | the world at large, while for her they would new," under her capable care for the direction shine as stars in the crown which would be

In the feudal ages, . . . war and politics were not thought unnatural to woman, because not unusual.—John Stuart Mill.

me that I do not think or act right, I will gladly change, for I seek the truth, by which no man them to be interested in a few things only, is to was ever injured. But he is injured who abides in his error and ignorance.—Marcus Aurelius.

# "WOMAN"

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The literal meaning of the word "lady" is a loaf giver," which means one who has the power and the will to assist the poor; who open air. The valleys there are covered with gives, but receives no tangible return. Certain wild flowers, and they offer many attractions to misconceptions as to the terms "lady" and gentleman" reached us from across the Atlantic. At first we were amused, but mock-You certainly have opened up new ground for ing is catching, and we laughed about the 'black lady" who did our washing, and the "black gentleman" who cleaned our boots, until the same title is now bestowed upon my lady's "lady" and the gentleman's 'gentleman," so that the terms "man" and woman" are infinitely to be preferred.

"Ladies" are generally spoken of and con sidered as utterly unfitted for work, and as in the greatest need of training, which may be so in one sense: but there is a side which seems possible. Yes, I found Signor Spadoni's to be overlooked. Lessons are taught in the lectures most interesting, especially as they school of adversity, and we often see the heroic amount of self-sacrifice and selfabnegation that "ladies" are capable of, even though nursed in the lap of luxury, having in youth only known want and misery "by sight."

For such, there is certainly a place in the formally and conversationally for what they are world, without going through the humiliations of "training": and that is in the "nurseries"

There, where the calls of society, and the demand much time, a mother cannot possibly As I left Mrs. Hooper, immersed in piles of devote as much of her attention to her children letters and telegrams, it seemed to me that she as she would like to do; who then could so well connection with this, I cannot do better than minded, gentle-born "lady," who, through misquote from Mr. Gladstone's recent speech. fortune, finds herself obliged to earn that bread nd thousands of the inhabitants of these age of 35 in this case would not be disqualifying, morning first lessons, to dine with them, to walk This description is especially true with or drive out as the case might be, to come home reference to Mrs. Hooper, who, being a woman to tea, to share their joys and sorrows (and herself, has enabled hundreds of other women | children have no lack of these), and to hear them

in the minds of large numbers of ladies with with the other servants, and the atmosphere of some of their brightest, most pleasant, and the children around her, acting as an aureole, like the "five feet of sphere" exacted by the Mrs. Hooper's programme booklet (sent post | Swedenborgians, would keep her apart from all

> placed on her brow when, radiant with happiness, she would hear the words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

T. T. K.

To enable women to be efficiently interested n as many things as possible, is to give them a

#### Dur Short Storp.

#### THE PRISONERS.

From the French of GUY DE MAUPASSANT.

Translated by TRENE MILLER-FORD.

THERE was no noise in the forest but the light quivering of the snow falling on the trees. It had fallen since noon, a thin, fine snow, which powdered the branches with an icy moss, which threw on the dead leaves of the bracken a light covering of silver and spread on the roads an immense soft and white carpet, and which thickened the illimitable silence of this ocean

Before the door of the forester's house a young woman with bare arms was breaking up some wood by blows with a chopper on a stone. She was tall, slender and strong, a daughter of the forest, daughter and wife of

A voice cried from the interior of the house. "We are alone this evening, Berthine; come in again, the night is falling, and there are perhaps many Prussians and wolves prowling

The woodcutter replied by cleaving a stump with strong blows, right from the shoulder.

"I have finished, mother, but there is nothing to fear, it is still day."

Then she brought in her faggots and her hatchets, and piled them up alongside the chimney, going out again to shut up the sheds, enormous sheds built of the heart of the oak, and returning once more, she pushed to the

heavy bolts of the door.

Her mother was spinning close to the fire wrinkled old woman, whom age had made

"I do not like it." she said, "when the father

is away. Two women are not strong."

The young one replied "Oh! I will kill a wolf or a Prussian, it is all the same." And she showed the end of a big revolver, hung above

the fire-place.

Her husband had been incorporated in the army at the beginning of the Prussian invasion, and the two women were living alone with the father, the old keeper, Nicholas Pichon, nick-named "the stilt-bird," who had obstinately refused to leave his dwelling to go back to the

The neighbouring town was Rethel, an old place strongly perched on a rock. It was very patriotic, and the townsfolk had decided to resist the invaders, to shut themselves in, and to sustain a siege according to the traditions of the city. Twice already, under Henry IV. and Louis XIV., the inhabitants of Rethel had distinguished themselves by their heroic defences. They would do the same this time by St. Denis, or be burnt in their walls.

Then they had bought cannons and guns, equipped a militia, formed battalions and companies, and exercised themselves all day in the "place d'Armes." All of them—bakers, grocers, butchers, schoolmasters, solicitors, carpenters, librarians, chemists themselves, envred in order, and at regular hours, under the orders of M. Lavigne, an old under-officer of dragoons, now a draper, having married the daughter, and inherited the shop, of the elder

He took the position of commander-major of the place, and as all the young men had gone with the army, he had enrolled all the others, who were now training themselves for resistance. The stout never went out into the streets except at an athletic rate to reduce their fat and improve their breath; the weak carried weights to strengthen their muscles.

And they awaited the Prussians. But the And they awaited the Frussians. But the Prussians did not appear. They were not far off, however; for twice already their scouts had crossed the wood as far as the house of the Forester Nicholas Pichon, nick-named "the stilt-bird."

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The old guard, who could run like a fox, had come to warn the town. They had pointed the cannons, but the enemy had never shown them.

hungry eyes. They had placed their guns and helmets in a corner, and they waited, as good as children on the forms of a school.

He had gone this very day to announce that little detachment of German infantry had me to his house the day before vesterday then had gone away almost immediately. The non-commissioned officer who commanded it

spoke French.

When the old man went away thus, he took his two dogs, two large mastiffs, with lion-like mouths, for fear of the wolves, who were commencing to become ferocious; and he left the two women, recommending them to barricade themselves in the house as soon as night approached.

pproached.
The young woman feared nothing, but the lder trembled continually, and repeated—
"This will finish badly, all this. You will

see that this will finish badly."

This evening she was even more disquieted

"Do you know what time father will return?

"Oh, not before eleven o'clock for sure.

When he dines with the commander he always returns late." And she hung up her large pot over the fire to make the soup, when suddenly she ceased to stir it, listening to a vague noise that came to her down the chimney. She murmured, "Who is it marching in the wood. There are seven or

Her frightened mother stopped her spinning and stammered, "Oh! my God! and father is

She had scarcely finished speaking when the

door trembled under violent blows.

As the women did not reply, a strong, gutteral

Then, after a moment's silence, the same

voice cried again,
"Open, or I will break open the door."
Then Berthine slipped into the pocket of her skirt the big revolver from the fire place, and pressing her ear against the door she asked,

Who are you?

The voice replied, "I am the detachment that came the other day."

The young woman replied, "What do you

"I have been lost in the wood with my tachment since morning; open, or I will

reak down the door." The forester's wife had no choice; she quickly drew back the great bolts, then opening the heavy door she saw in the gloom of evening six men, six Prussian soldiers, the same that had come the day before. She asked in a resolute tone .-

"What do you want to do at this hour?"

The under-officer repeated:
"I am lost, quite lost, I see this house, neither I nor my detachment have had anything to eat since the morning."

Berthine declared: "I am all alone with my

nother this evening. The soldier, who seemed a good fellow,

'That doesn't matter. I do not mean any

harm, but you must give us something to eat.
We are dying of hunger and fatigue."
The forester's wife drew back: "Enter," she

They entered, powdered with snow, carrying on their helmets a sort of frothy cream which made them resemble meringues, and they appeared tired, exhausted.

The young woman showed them benches of

wood along each side of the large table.

"Sit down," she said, "I am going to make some soup. You certainly do look tired out."

Then she rebolted the door. She put more

The mother had recommenced to spin, every

The lodge of "the stilt-bird" served as an advanced post in the forest of Aveline. Twice a week the man went for provisions and carried news to the citizens of the campaign.

moment throwing a glance of dismay at the invading soldiers. There was no sound save the light rumbling of the spinning wheel, the crackling of the fire, and the bubbling of the

boiling water.

But suddenly a strange noise made them all start, something like a hoarse sniff came under the door, the sniff of a beast, strong and

The German under-officer had made a bound towards the guns. The forester's wife stopped him with a gesture and said, smiling, "It is the wolves. They are like you, they prowl the wolves.

about and they are hungry."

The man was incredulous, and wished to see, and as soon as the door was open he saw two large grey beasts, who ran away at a rapid,

He reseated himself, murmuring, "I should not have believed it."

And he waited till his broth was ready.

They ate it voraciously, with their mouths stretched right to their ears to swallow easier, their round eyes opening at the same time as their mouths, while the noise in their throats

was equal to the gurgling of waterspouts. The two women remained mute, looking at the rapid movements of the large red beards, and the potatoes which seemed to be engulfed

in these moving fleeces.

But as they were thirsty the forester's wife went down into the cellar to draw them some cider. She stayed there a long while. It was a little arched cave which, it was said, had a little arched cave which, it was said, had served during the Revolution as a prison and a hiding place. It was reached by means of a narrow twisting staircase shut in by a trap-door in the floor of the kitchen.

When Berthine reappeared she was smiling, smiling to herself with a sly air. She gave to the Germans her cruise of drink.

Then she also had supper with her mother, at the other and of the kitchen.

the other end of the kitchen.

the other end of the kitchen.

The soldiers had finished eating, and the whole six were asleep round the table. From time to time a forehead fell on to the table with a dull noise, then the man would waken sharply

and sit upright again.

Berthine said to the under officer, "Lie down before the fire, there is plenty of room for six.

I am going to my room with my mother."

Then the two women went up to the first story. The soldiers heard them lock their door and move about a little, then they made no

more noise.

The Prussians lay down on the ground, their feet towards the fire, their heads on their rolled-up cloaks, and soon all the six were snoring in six different keys, high or sonorous, but continuous and formid

They had already been sleeping a long while when a blow as of iron rang out, so strong that they thought the walls must come down. The

soldiers got up at once. There were two more blows, followed by three louder than ever. The door of the room opened quickly, and the forester's wife appeared, half-dressed, in a chemise and short petticoat, a candle in her hand. She looked scared, and stammered. 'Here are the French, there are at least two hundred. If they find you here they will burn down the house. Go into the cellar quickly and make no noise; if you make a noise we are

The under-officer was frightened, and murmured, "All right, all right. Which is the

The young woman carefully lifted up the square trapdoor, and the six men disappeared down the little, twisting staircase, vanishing, one after the other, into the darkness, going slowly so as to make no noise with

But when the spike of the last helmet had disappeared, Berthine let down the heavy oaken door, thick as the wall, hard as steel, fastened by the hinges and a secret lock; she twisted the key round twice in the lock, then commenced to laugh, to laugh quietly but in an enraptured manner, and to dance over the heads of her prisoners with a wild delight.

They were making no noise, shut up in these

They were making no noise, shut up in there as in a solid box, a box of stone.

(To be concluded in our next.)

By AN AMERICAN SISTER.

No thoughtful person will insist that the No thoughtful person will insist that the presence of flowers at the gate of the tomb is other than beautiful and appropriate; it is the folly of excess that has made so many sensible people retreat altogether from the use of these loveliest emblems of a brighter world. We believe that if women had a larger share in all the following the following the following that the presence of the unruffled current, not of the stagnant pool. This possession is not the gift of fortune; the gifts of our worldverty and is in a great measure within the reach of all who diligently seek after our worldverty possessions, but upon our mode of using them; not upon our ability to gratify home would greatly soften the effect of these habits are entirely within our own control to this whole subject and put forth wellconsidered suggestions for our local Unions. riches, or the pursuit of them, beyond the
limits of moderation, are unfavourable to this
state, because temperance in the use of worldly Among them it seems to us would be involved not only the improvements at which we have already hinted, but a larger recognition of women in the exercises whereby society renders its final token of appreciation to those who leave us. Probably the W.C.T.U. has done more to increase this recognition than any other

passed away, the bells of the great city of Toronto rang out the people's sense of loss, and which, neither in the pursuit nor in the posses many flags were at half mast. Why these manifestations should not accompany the funeral exercises of any woman who has wrought polyly for how levelity on for how constructions.

that loved home, and instead of black destroy its ease. Like cypresses, they throw crape on the door-knob there was a beautiful bow of white combined with evergreen twigs, from a tree that was, like "Saint Courageous," a native of Vermont. We thought it a lovely Paul has afforded a beautiful example in his thing that her birthplace and the homes where own person. "I have learnt in whatsoever she had trained her little ones sent boughs of state I am, therewith to be content. cedar with which the grave was lined, and that the last ones, except her own nearest and dearest, who flung white roses into her grave, both to abound and to suffer need." were the Scandinavian women who had been helpers in the house many years, and whom she had taught to read English. These are That part, which laws or kings can cause or helpers in the house many years, and whom some of the sweet "home touches" that we should like to see more generally introduced.

We speak of this funeral because we read the details, but we feel sure that if white ribboners from various localities would send us accounts of the manner in which the funerals of our comrades have been conducted, we should find
wany suggestions. In what we have you'then.

"The mind is its own place, and in itself, Can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven." nany suggestions. In what we have written we desire to disclaim the slightest intention of ignoring our honoured pastors and their relation to these services. Our thought is that the participation of women on these occasions would be in the nature of an added help and beautiful attraction, not at all superseding the always desired participation of the pastors. So far as our observation goes the latter have always been desired to the pastors. In order to enjoy ease of mind in our intercourse with the world, we should introduce into our habits of business punctuality, decision, the practice of being beforehand, despatch, and exactness; in our pleasures, harmlessness and moderation; and in all our dealings, perfect integrity and love of truth. Without these observation goes the latter have always been of the pastors. So far as our other things so here in people in general do not integrity and love of truth. Without these observation goes the latter have always been of the pastors. In our pleasures, harmlessness and moderation; and in all our dealings, perfect unknown; and as the result of experience we urge every civilised community on the earth to enforce the world, we should introduce into our habits of business punctuality, decision, the practice of being beforehand, despatch, and exactness; in our pleasures, harmlessness and moderation; and in all our dealings, perfect unknown; and as the result of experience we urge every civilised community on the earth to enforce the facts that after 25 were so the facts that after 25 observation goes, the latter have always been other things, so here: people in general do not either things, so here: people in general do not either things, so here: people in general do not either things. most brotherly-kind in welcoming any help aim at more than mediocrity of attainment, and, of course, usually fall below their standard,

#### EASE OF MIND.

Ease of mind is incomparably the most valuable of all possessions—not the ease of indolence, but of action—the smoothness of the unruffled funeral ceremonies the touch of delicacy and using them; not upon our ability to gratify our desires, but upon our regulation of them. the sense of a hallowed influence from the It is essentially the result of our habits, which

ceremonies, often so stately and ecclesiastical, To enjoy ease of mind, there must be a feeling but, alas, so often lacking in the more genial that we are fulfilling our duties to the best of element. We would suggest that the Flower Mission Department give careful consideration to this whole subject and successful consideration riches, or the pursuit of them, beyond the

petual restlessness and anxiety, and by exposing to continual disappointments; and the same When our pioneer in Canada, Mrs. Youmans, may be said, even in a stronger degree, of an ambitious love of those worldly distinctions, nobly for her locality or for her country, passes our having, should be the aim of all who have their fortunes to make; whilst they who have had theirs made for them, should habituate We also think women should be among those who conduct the sacred rites. We were themselves to temperance in their own enjoyments, and to active and discreet liberality glad when Miss Willard chose the women towards others. They who diligently cultivate friends nearest her mother as honorary pall. the habits necessary to attain ease of mind bearers, and that instead of darkening her home because that luminous spirit had departed she because that luminous spirit had departed, she had the electric lights turned on at Rest of adverse fortune very little, whilst unvoidable Cottage more brilliantly than usual on the nights that the tenantless form remained in than sour the mind, and cannot be said to shade over the current, but in no way disturb

Strict and constant discipline can ensure ease both how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry,

Goldsmith says-

In order to enjoy ease of mind in our inter-

that the complicated physical functions are performed with the accuracy and facility which Nature designed. It is consequently a great preventive of disease, and one of the surest means of effecting a cure when disease has occurred; without it, in many cases, no cure can take place. By ease of mind many people have survived serious accidents, from

nothing else could have saved them, and in

every instance recovery is much retarded by

Its effect upon the appearance is no less remarkable. It prevents and repairs the ravages of time in a singular degree, and is the best preservative of strength and beauty. It often depends greatly upon health, but health always depends greatly upon it. The torments of a mind ill at ease seem to be less endurable than those of the body, for it scarcely ever happens that suicide is committed from bodily suffering. As far as the countenance is an index, "the vultures of the mind" appear to tear it more mercilessly than any physical pain and no doubt there have been many who would willingly have exchanged their mental agony for the most wretched existence that penury

could produce.

From remorse there is no escape. In aggravated cases, probably, there is no instant, sleeping or waking, in which its influence is totally unfelt.

influence is totally unfelt.

Remorse is the extreme one way; the opposite is that cleanliness of mind which has never been recommended anywhere to the same extent that it is by the precepts of the Christian religion, and which alone constitutes "perfect freedom." It would be curious if we could see what effects such purity would have upon the appearance and actions of a human heing—a heing who lived as Powe expresses it being—a being who lived, as Pope expresses it, in "the eternal sunshine of the spotless mind."

#### WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN WYOMING.

MISS MARIE C. BREHM, Superintendent of the Franchise Department of the W.C.T.U., has looked up some statements quoted by Mrs. looked up some statements quoted Lyman Abbott, to the following effect:

"Laws have been passed in Wyoming, under Women's Suffrage, legalising gambling, licensing saloons, and justifying homicide if committed in the heat of passion and without too great

Miss Brehm wrote to Wyoming and ascertained that every one of these laws had been repealed years ago. Miss Brehm calls attention to the fact that women constitute but one-third of the population of Wyoming, which is a mountainous, mining state, with a scattered and changing population, where it is not practicable for the women to organise concerted action. The Legislature of Wyoming has passed and sent out the following resolutions :-

"How small of all that human hearts endure, That part, which laws or kings can cause or cure!

Still to ourselves in every place consigned, Our own felicity we make or find."

Shakespeare observes, "there is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so;" and Milton expresses it—

"The mind is its own place, and in itself, Can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven." elections, good government, and a remarkable degree of civilisation and public order, and we point with pride to the facts that after 25

"Resolved, that an authenticated copy of invited the W.C.T.U. to sit together in the church, walk together in the procession, and in various ways to be an added element of sympathy and tenderness in the funeral exercises.

The course, usually land below their standard, of the State to the legislature of every State and territory in this country, and to every should procure them ease, that they totally overlook the thing itself.

Ease of mind has the most beneficial effects upon the body, and it is only during its existence these resolutions."

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exceeded," said the Lady Superintendent of the Postal Order Branch, as she gave me a concise but very clear outline of the work of the 418 ladies under her superintendence. Put very briefly this is: to authorise the supply of postal orders for issue by Somerset House to the post offices throughout the country; to examine the paid postal orders and prepare accounts of them; to sort, arrange and dispose of these orders; to trace missing orders and when possible produce them in eace of the unconscious humour of the British public.

Then there are the postal orders which having been crossed by the senders must be paid through a banker, and those which, for convenience sake, people prefer to pay into their banking account; these are dealt with in one room; returns of their amounts made for the British public.

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Bank of England, and orders for payment made out for the different banks, which have given a day, but he found subsequently that the tincture was far more active. orders, and when possible produce them in cases of inquiry; to answer such letters of inquiry, which number about 400 a day; and to examine does the examination of the various postmasters'

classification, and the actual space required for its performance. Room after room is literally stacked with neat piles of postal orders in course of disposal. The mass looks prodigious, it represents every making it represents every making it represents every making in the course of disposal. The mass looks prodigious, it represents every making in the course of disposal in the course of disposal. The mass looks prodigious, it represents every making in the course of disposal in the course of disposal. The mass looks prodigious, it represents every making in the course of disposal in the course of disposal in the course of disposal. The mass looks prodigious, it represents every making in the course of disposal in the course of disposa To this office every postmaster and postmistress daily sends his or her docket, stating what money he has paid out in postal orders cashed, and what sums he has received for orders money he has paid out in postal orders cashed, and what sums he has received for orders postal organisation—the Postal Order Branch pleasure must be maintained if nerves are to be bought by the public. And it is here that the -each room has its own superintendent, estimate is made of the number of new forms required for each post office. As each order is numbered and lettered it is known exactly where representations and lettered it is known exactly where representations are representations. There are grades among the clerks, must be moderation in all things, even in the exercise of unselfishness. numbered and lettered it is known exactly where each one is sent. As soon as an order is cashed

from 9.30 to 4.30. The sorters, of whom there of means to ends. are now 183, are entrusted with the initial stages of classification, but their work, as well where standing is necessary, as in putting away piles of orders into their proper presses, the Lady Superintendent has made careful arrangement for the work to be done in turns, so that are large cloak rooms, fitted up with numbered hat and cloak pegs; there are boot cupboards; in short, the m fort are cared for in every way.

subordinates' own arrangement. The kitchen Civil Service.

credit for them. This is really banking business

sack one is sent. As soon as an order is cashed it is transmitted by the postmaster to this great centre. Thus, every postal order that every inhabitant of these isles buys or receives passes eventually through the hands of the ladies at St. Martin's-le-Grand. With these there are, of course, not included the old-fashioned post office orders. It is only their more modern and convenient substitute that is here in question.

The work of the Postal Order Branch of the with these "cruel things" requires considerable to it. The very wide differences in natural capacity soon become apparent. "Figures," as one of the chiefs in the Accountant General's Office remarked in speaking of the ladies' department, "are cruel things. A mistake in spelling, or even the omission of a word, may pass unnoticed, or be of no real consequence, but a single error with a figure is fatal." To deal in the efficient way which the ladies at St. Martin's-le-Grand do with these "cruel things" requires considerable Strike at the customs which lead men to drink, shere in question.

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Strike at your vices at once with your might. Strike at the follies which swarm at your side; Strike at the customs which lead men to drink, shere in question. The work of the Postal Order Branch of the General Post Office has been entrusted to with these "cruel things" requires considerable power of concentration, unflagging application, the most painstaking accuracy and perfect neatness. "It is a busy hive," said the Lady The sorters—to begin with the lower grade Strike for your friend and be thoughful and kind, Strike for the truth, and speak out your mind; Strike for the truth, and speak out your mind; Strike for the truth, and speak out your mind; Strike for the causes of peace and love. The sorters—to begin with the lower grade officials—come half an hour earlier and stay half an hour later than the clerks, their hours being from 9 to 5, while those of the clerks are

LADIES AT THE CLEARING HOUSE. The third branch of the Postal Service in which performed by the clerical staff, is carried on under excellent conditions. Seats and ample table rooms are provided for every worker, and no one girl has more than an hour's standing accounts in connection with the dispatch of in the day. Not only the rooms, but all the corridors are pleasantly warmed; the ventilation is admirable. A lift conveys one up, for the telegrams. The Queen, the Prince of Wales, and very large establishments pay for the tender and very large stablishments pay for the rooms are on the top floor but one of the Controller and Accountant-General's offices. It is a new building, and the windows have been generously disposed, while electricity supplies all artificial light that may be needed. There

There is a large dining-room for the clerks, and another for the sorters, where meals are held by women. In Washington, U.S.A., had at moderate charges, for it is obligatory to take luncheon within the building. The catering is managed by a mess committee elected from the different departments, the Lady Superintendent wisely leaving this matter to her the destination of the control of the destination of the destination of the control of the catering for more than a quarter of a century. In this country there does not seem any immediate properties of the control of the catering for more than a quarter of a century. In this country there does not seem any immediate properties of the control of the catering for more than a quarter of a century. In this country there does not seem any immediate properties of the control of the cont

The Can Our Daughters Do for a Libing?

LADIES AT WORK IN THE POSTAL ORDER BRANCH OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

BY EMILY HILL.

"Some 3,000 postal orders pass through our hands every day, and at times that number is exceeded," said the Lady Superintendent of the Postal Order Branch, as she gave me a concise of the surface of the unconscious broad over, is worth seeing.

One room is assigned to correspondence. People frequently write that they have accidentally burned their postal order, they have accidentally be accidentally be accidentally burned their postal order, they have accidentally be accidentally beautiful corder (i.e., consumpti

presented through a banker.

The work is simply summarised, but it is not easy to realise without seeing the organisation, classification, and the actual space required for its performance. Room after room is literally stacked with next and space required for sp running cannot be smooth if there is the least hitch in one of the smallest spokes.

"These ladies remain with you for years?"

"This applies equally to the other sex. A woman, too, should have part of her life to marked of the Lady Superintendent. "Yes,"

"T's the reply, "but a large number marry."

If so, the chances are that she will keep well.

Strike for the causes of peace and love.
Strike not with the fist, and give no man a blow, Strike in this spirit which blesses the foe; Strike in that fashion, strike home and strike

Strike now, my old friend, there's no reason to John Ploughman (Spurgeon).

THE hopeful are never unfortunate. Whatever adversity the past may have brought them their present is untroubled, their future is

God gives us diseases in this world for the salvation of our souls, and when we endure them patiently they are a fountain of great merit to us.—St. Francis.

Or all the actions of a man's life, his marriage does least concern other people; yet of all actions of our life it is most meddled with by other people.—Selden.

rooms, fitted up with numbered ges; there are boot cupboards; attendance, the general arrangements of the establishment are also similar.

Between fourteen and fifteen hundred clerical rin every way.

The department of the Controller and reserve many of us from self-contempt.

Most men, however limited their imagination, are prone to idolise themselves; for self-idolisation, in some degree, is necessary to preserve many of us from self-contempt.

So deeply inherent is it in this life of ours that

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#### SIGNALS FROM OUR WATCH TOWER.

Madame Adam, the famous French authoress and politician, has been trying during the past season to revive the ancient glories of conversation in her drawingroom, or, as the French call it, tenir salon Five o'clock tea is as much an institution in fashionable circles in Paris as it is by the Queen, the Duchesse d'Orleans, and Birkbeck Institution, London, another amongst ourselves; that the tea is always bad is a detail -they do the best they know, poor dears! Madame Adam's novelty has been to select a fixed subject for each of her "At Home" days and to invite one jewels, and then set it in its place in a or two persons specially acquainted with it corner. Had she been detected carrying in order that they may lead the conversation. The experiment is said to have been assaulted by tramps in the successful, but it would probably only be trinket was lost, thanks to her courage and neighbourhood of Dunstable, Bedfordshire. so within a very restricted sphere. The clever management. average afternoon "At Home" caller would by no means care either to listen to or take part in set discussions.

Mrs. H. J. Tennant, who became so well known under her maiden name of Miss May Abraham as being the first of the woman factory inspectors, in which capacity she showed herself extremely able and were males, and 49,449 females. As

the social and personal duties of a married | The undergraduates of Oxford Unicharged the duties of her post as the first celebrated as orators at the Bar or in woman factory inspector sufficed to open that occupation permanently to other women, to the benefit not only of those who may hold the post, but also of the on Friday night, when the question was: hundreds of thousands of women whose "That this house strongly condemns the workshops and factories are "overseen."

Navy, made an Arctic expedition some six years ago, spending the winter amidst the was Mr. Arnold S. Ward, Balliol. snows in the far north in company with his bride. Mrs. Peary returned safely from Mr. T. F. R. Macdonald, St. John's, vicethis ordeal, but there was considerable President of the Union, Mr. E. W. Barnes, difference of opinion, it was understood, Trinity, President of the Union, and Mr to the desirability of the experiment. That debate. The result of the division was Lieutenant Peary himself saw nothing objectionable in it in experience may be motion was lost by a majority of 27. nferred from the fact that in his new Arctic expedition, which is being provided for in America, and which is to start next month, he will again take a lady, the bride of c su us the following very apt quotation from of his most valued assistants, Mr. Hv on Mr. John Morley's

was, in fact, not only married, but the father of seven children! However, times tions of the country." change and we change with them. Before Nansen went on his next far more perilous that the undergraduates of 1897 who and protracted expedition, he had got married himself; and moreover, the only

person he ever knew. After the flight of hide on her person she hid in a sofa. This piece of furniture she turned upside down. cut it open beneath the seat, stuffed in the off the jewellery, she would have probably

how very superior women are to men as and then demanded money. She threw regards crime. The figures in the latest down her purse, and while he was picking prison report are, therefore, well worthy of it up the lady mounted her bicycle and being again recorded. In 1896 there were rode off. The other tramp, meeting a lady 205,004 prisoners in local prisons in rider, attempted to obtain possession of her England and Wales, of whom 155,555 bicycle. energetic, has now decided to resign her post. This cannot be considered surprising, as her husband is a rich man, and 1896 was 4,813, of whom 305 were females.

women are not exactly compatible with the versity have invited some representatives discharge of such duties as a factory of their own class from Cambridge to come respector's. She will have the satisfaction to discuss the question of women's degrees. feeling all through her future life that The Union Club is one in which a conne admirable manner in which she dis- siderable number of men, afterwards to be decision of the University of Cambridge with regard to women's degrees." Lieutenant Peary, of the United States avy, made an Arctic expedition some six Wadham, ex-President, and the opposer nongst the members of the expedition as A. E. Smith, Trinity) took part in the

> Apropos of the recent exhibition at Cam-Cobden," vol. 1, p. 154:-

"It was reserved for a seat of learning to Nansen, in his book on his first go pedi- show that no brutality can equal that which is tion, "The Crossing of Greenland," recorded his opinion that no married man cught to prejudice of the educated classes with the go on such an excursion. Not only did he high spirits of youth. No creature is a carefully select single men for his European more unbridled ruffian than the ruffian companions, but he required of the person who had to choose for him the two Lapps who accompanied him that they also should terrupted by a destructive and sanguinary riot. be unmarried, and was much disgusted The local newspaper afterwards piously conwhen he discovered, too late to change, gratulated the furious gownsmen on having that the elder of the two Lapps sent to him done their duty as the friends of good govern-

Our correspondent adds that she wishes opposed degrees for women would read this trenchant passage. We have pleasure one of the companions of his first excursion in offering them this opportunity of doing who accompanied him the second time, captain Sverdrup, had also got married in significant fact that Cambridge Public Library is one of the two whose committee Mme. Cuvillier-Fleury, who died in Paris weekly copy of the Woman's Signal for have refused to accept a free gift of a last week, was an old friend of Thiers. weekly copy of the Free Circula-She was, he said, the most courageous tion Fund which some of our readers have generously supplied for this pur-Louis Philippe's family, in 1848, she went to the Tuileries and collected all the jewels left which refused the offer was that of the the other Princesses. What she could not place in which women receive education with men, and ruffle male vanity by often proving themselves the superiors in intelligence. It is certainly curious!

Cycling has its dangers of another sort than mechanical. In one week, two ladies One man, who was eventually arrested meeting a lady along a lonely road, is said It is perhaps hardly realised generally to have caused her to fall from her machine,

magistrates will deal with those rascals when they do catch them, severely enough refreshment enjoyed. to deter the rest and prevent an epidemic of such assaults.

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able class of our sex, whatever may and idle women of title. Women who calm, unruffled, unscowling countenance. work and women who think in every walk of life express their desire for the vote when their opinion is invited. A petition and hopeless of all in the present and in in support of the Bill for extending the future—a state that inevitably comes the Parliamentary Franchise to women now and again to all who really care for has just been forwarded to Sir Michael those around them and the world at large, Hicks-Beach for presentation in the even when their own private affairs are in in Bristol. The signatures include those as possible. The will-power used in comassistant mistresses of nearly every Board, Church, Roman Catholic, and Wesleyan school and the Friends' schools in that city. In forwarding the petition, the Rev. Urijah Thomas, Vice-chairman of the School Board, wrote:—"Perhaps I may point out that the special features of this petition are that it comes from wellnstructed women, who are engaged in the responsible work of education, and that a very large proportion of them are already bearing, or are likely to bear, the direct burden of taxation. So on this second point they have a right to plead that representation and taxation should go A similar petition had been presented earlier in the session, signed by the head mistresses of each of the public day and endowed schools for girls in Bristol, and by the greater number of their respective staffs, as well as by those of several private schools.

At the Great Handel Festival at the Crystal Palace a considerable number of ladies have played in the band. They were quite numerous in the string department, two even playing the great double bass-viol, two others appeared as flutists There are none at present in the Handel orchestra playing on wind instruments, but in view of the great success of the Park Sisters with their cornets at Queen's Hall. at the British Women's Temperance Asso ciation public meeting, it is quite possible that the next Handel Festival may find some women amongst the instrumentalists in brass

Mrs. Ormiston-Chant objects to the theory that she is a mere "kill-joy," who wants to deprive all the world of amusement. Such a protest is not needed by anybody who knows her in her home, in the midst of her bright girls. For the benefit of others, her observations at a marked that Puritanism made the great mistake of fighting against all forms of enjoyment. But God made the muscles that laughed as well as the muscles that wept, And that had to be recognised. They had left so large a part of the pro-

o deter the rest and prevent an epidemic f such assaults.

To the pleasant and interesting little essay on "Ease of Mind," printed on another page, I want to add a personal anti-slavery and Woman's Suffrage advo-Suffrage " are not found amongst the educated, self-supporting and truly respectwho (like myself) take life very seriously. I would like them to reflect upon the be the case with the butterflies of fashion benefit to the mind of willing to keep a leaders in the woman movement in America, When you are worried, or exhausted, and House of Commons. It is signed by 307 a satisfactory condition—try then the exteachers in elementary schools for girls periment of looking as cheerful and as calm of the head mistress and most of the pelling the face to be clear of a frown of

on the labour of self-supporting women; overcrowd the labour market yet more, by "regulating" their work so as to cause it wicked indeed. My readers may have seen papers." this paragraph—"The Duchess of Albany's bazaar at the Imperial Institute in aid of work amongst the poor of Deptford realised £1.800. A coverlet made of over 75,000 pieces of silk was purchased for presentation to the Queen." Few, however, probably know that the special object was to help a "Girls' Institute" for the poor creatures who spend their lives cleaning the offal of the beasts slaughtered after arrival from abroad at Deptford. This is work so filthy that no Englishmen, however poor and wretched, will do it; the few men employed are foreigners; and yet the English girls and women do it; and for this most repulsive work they get only 12s. weekly.

mittee, acting on behalf of the women of England, is a remarkable piece of textile work, covered with patriotic and emblematic designs. It was made entirely by English women, and is intended for the Palace.

At the recent "Yearly Meeting" of gatherings. the Society of Friends, for the first time in their history women and men delegates recent meeting may be quoted. She re- sat, deliberated and voted together. Hitherto the sexes have held separate meetings, though representatives from the one would be from time to time received by the other, and the "Women's Meeting" had progress entails the disfranchisement of women its full share of influence. The only sect in which women have always been pervision of amusement in the wrong or mitted to minister to men in public unsafe hands. It was remarked to her worship, and to take a share in governrecently that when young people went to ment, the Friends have at the same time parties they liked to be as others, and to become noted for their public spirit and with the extension of Totnes, by including parts take the champagne cup and claret cup.
She only wished some total abstainers would invent something as nice as the claret cup,

cyclists, and it is to be hoped that the so that one's conscience could be absolved favour of widening the sphere of women, from taking intoxicating liquors, and yet and giving them equality with men, is

> Colonel Higginson, who has known all the bears a similar testimony on his own account to their combination of public and domestic excellence. Here is what he says, and it is equally true for English-

"My old friend, John G. Whittier, used to give, as one reason for the support of Woman Suffrage, his lifelong observation of Quaker women. Among them, he said, those who were most eminent in public service were also uniformly estimable as wives and mothers ness and mental capacity which fitted them for the one sphere fitted them for the other also. There should be the greatest hesitation This has, at any rate, been my own observation on the part of comfortably placed women in sanctioning or advising any restrictions country. Not only have many of the best suggestions as to education, hygiene and home for how hard is the pressure on the lower ranks of the workers, and how they are service and success as wives and mothers they thus crushed down to the most odious and have almost always been worthy of admiration ill-paid occupations that men will not take, is In the long line of leaders, their households and daily shown to so great a degree that to their children have been their sufficient testimony. Had there been any very marked exception, we may be very sure that it would to be taken away from them, is cruel and have been proclaimed in a thousand news-

> An organisation to unite the existing clubs for working girls and to promote the formation of others is being formed under the care of the President of the "Y's," the Hon. Mrs. Bertrand Russell. It is an admirable enterprise. These clubs are springing up all over London, and form valuable centres for bringing work girls together under influences which are better than those to be found in the streets after their work is done.

An interesting reception was held at the Cockburn Temperance Hotel, Henriettastreet, Covent Garden, under the presi-The "Jubilee" carpet to be presented to the Queen by the Duchess of Teck's committee actions as held if the presented to the Australia and to return to account to the contract to the contra country Mrs. Stevens, a well-known temperance advocate in America, and coworker with the Hon. Neal Dow. This hotel is able to provide a very large and handsome room for such "functions," and dais of the Throne Room in Buckingham it must be more pleasant for temperance women to go where no intoxicants are on sale than to ordinary hotels for such

> "An Active Woman," who contributes to the column on "Woman's Activities" in a morning contemporary, says :-

"It is a curious anomaly that municipal who live in the parishes which are taken into the boroughs. A case in point is at present to be found at Totnes. A Bill is at present before Parliament for confirming some Provisiona Orders of the Local Government Board dealing According to the Registrar-General's returns, the age at which people marry grows continually higher. The last returns show that the mean ages of those who entered wedlock were about twenty-eight and a shalf for men and twenty-eight and a shalf for men and twenty-eight and a shalf for men and twenty-eight that to call it development is michaging; it has

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# PERANCE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING.

On Sunday, May 29th, about one hundred pulpits were occupied by ladies, who gave sermons on temperance. On Monday, many delegates met at the "Devotional Day." On

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Lady Henry Somerset moved a resolution of congratulation on the Queen's Record Reign "from 100,000 temperance women." This was seconded by Lady Windeyer, of New South Wales, and supported by Mrs. Blackie, President for Scotland; the representatives of "gallant little Wales," insisted on being allowed to support it. support it.

#### LADY HENRY ON THE POSITION OF WOMEN

and a-half for men and twenty-eight and a-half for men and twenty-eight women. This, however, includes the ages of widowers and widows who remarried, the average age of widowers being forty-four and of widows forty. Many very serious social problems are associated with this question.

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Many very som cab, and how, though accompanied by her father, she put up her parasol to conceal her face. In those days all pervading chaperonage made a girl's life as unreal as crinoline made her figure ridiculous. It is now possible for an unprotected girl to earn a livelihood without losing her character, and she has a choice of professions. For placing the Woman's Signal in public libraries, reading rooms, and sending to Editors of newspapers and other influential persons.

Hercharacter, and she has a cnoice of professions. Talking has done much to secure this; it has accustomed people to regard as unsatisfactory the legal classification of "infants, idiots, and married women." Necessity has done more. Many most successful women took up their careers, not to prove a theory, but to earn their The offer of a free copy, supplied by our readers' generosity, to be laid on the Reading-room table, has been courteously accepted by the following Librarians of Free and Public devoted to methods of Temperance work. She fecit. A practical part of the address was devoted to methods of Temperance work. She deprecated "wild talk" and rash statements, under-Lyne, Arbroath, Aberdeen, Airdrie, Brentford, Bethnal Green, Barrow-in-Furness, and urged women to be logical, businesslike Brentford, Bethnal Green, Barrow-in-Furness, and systematic, and to recognise that it does not alter their ultimate aim to admit that it cannot be achieved to-day. Prohibition is impossible just now, but workers can agitate against children being subsidised with sweets by publicans, for a Bill to forbid children under fourteen being supplied with liquor on any pretext, and for greater publicity for the trade. Let the public see into public-houses. She had visited several, and found that the presence of a well-dressed, respectable woman excited no surprise. In 472 public-houses she knew of there were 1,482 entrances, and 409 others had 1,840 compartments. Privacy encourages female inebriety more than either grocers' licenses or chemists' wines.

Fraternal delegates having been introduced,

it was reported by Miss Agnes Slack as corresponding secretary that she had addressed sixty-five meetings, written 1,540 postcards and letters, and travelled 19,000 miles in America during the year. Two hundred and twenty-five branches have departments; it was rather sur-prising to hear that only eleven of them are political. Miss Gorham, treasurer, reported a year's income of £1,334, and a balance of £89.

#### DUXHURST.

The afternoon was devoted to hearing reports The atternoon was devoted to hearing reports from superintendents of departments, the longest being Lady Henry's account of the Duxhurst Farm Colony. There were several questions about this—as to the Church of England service used on Sunday, the statue of Christ, and the functions of the Advisory Board, which Lady Hours backled divisory Board, which Lady Henry laughingly admitted existed chiefly on paper, which she thought the best place for it. There was a little stir when Miss Florence Balgarnie asked if General Lord Roberts

When it was understood that Lady Henry has the whole financial responsibility of the debt on the Colony—some £6,000—besides £1,700 she has contributed, and that she is managing it effectively and making arrangements for the debts in case of her death, it was evident that the majority were in favour of leaving her full control. Said Mrs. Pearsall Smith in an enthusiastic speech, "When God has given us such a leader we can look over little things."

#### THE HEALTH OF TROOPS IN INDIA.

The first important business on the SECOND day morning was a resolution proposed by Mrs Eva McLaren, and seconded by Miss Phillips —"That this Council declares its continued pposition to the re-establishment of the ciple of the C.D. Acts in India, and strongly urges the bringing forward promi-nently proposals for dealing by moral methods with the causes of immorality and disease. It further protests against the sanction of the Government being given to any regulations dealing with the examination and registration of women previous to such regulations being laid before Parliament for discussion by the House of Commons '

It was stated that the British Committee for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice had approved of the resolution.† There had been some feeling on the previous afternoon about the distribution of *The Shield*, containing a strong criticism of Lady Henry Somerset's "deplorable scheme," and in the discussion there were some rather warm moments. Some delegates wanted to vote on the resolution without discussion, and a good many voted for this proposal. After some excitement in the meeting, and a rather energetic discussion on the platform, Miss Florence Balgarnie was allowed to speak. She was greeted with applause and hisses, against which one delegate protested. She made a forcible speech under trying circumstances, and proposed to amend the resolution by omitting the reference to the House of Commons, and absolutely condemning any State, regulation of vice in the supposed interests of vicious men. She deprecated the dea that there can be any righteous regulation of vice, or that any form of it can ever be-tolerated. Though three royal princesses had signed a memorial supporting this, the democracy would never consent to it, since the daughters of the people, not the daughter of the princess, will suffer by it. The amendment was seconded,

but it was never put to the meeting.

Lady Henry ruled that Miss Balgarnie's motion, and any discussion of the principle, were absolutely out of order, and the original solution was carried, not unanimously, but without any contrary vote. There was some dissatisfaction because this was held by the president to prevent the putting to the Council of several stronger resolutions sent up by different branches.

The next special business was the election of officers. Lady Henry Somerset was elected president by 505 votes out of 522, and the meeting rose and cheered and sang the Doxology. Miss Agnes Slack and Mrs. Pearsall Smith were elected secretaries, and Lady Henry chose Mrs. Eva McLaren as vice-

\* There appears to have been some confusion as to the resolution actually passed, as the above is the form supplied to the representatives of the Press, but Miss F. Balgamie maintains that the version actually voted upon concluded as follows:—"And it especially protests against that sanction being given to such regulations when they have not been laid before the House of Commons."

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† Professor Stuart, M.P., writes that it is "absolutely untrue" that the committee referred to had approved the resolution, and the committee have held a special meeting and passed the following resolution: "This committee deeply regrets the unfortunately misleading words of the second part of the resolution, which it understands were adopted largely because it was erroneously stated at the meeting that the resolution had received the approval of the British Committee. That this committee objects to the second part of the resolution, because the words might be taken to imply that there was some system of state regulation which it was possible to tolerate. That this committee desires emphatically to say, that it never saw the resolution, and never was consulted about it, and resolves that immediate steps be taken to make it clear to the public that this committee is in no way responsible for the resolution, and that copies of this resolution be sent to 

#### THIRD DAY

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A great number of resolutions were passed on Thursday, dealing with almost every topi of public interest—against vivisection, against compensation to publicans whose licences were withdrawn, in favour of Sunday closing and the prohibition of serving children with liquor, in favour of the direct veto for Scotland, &c. New departments were formed for work amongst barmaids, and for purity education. Some alterations in bye-laws were made, and a great deal of formal business got through.

#### PUBLIC MEETING.

The meeting at Queen's Hall on the night of June 2nd was very large and enthusiastic. Lady Battersea took the chair, and said that if the Duxhurst Farm Colony had been the only outcome of the B.W.T.A. it would have justified its existence over and over again. As a prison visitor, she knew what drink does for women how it leads to crime, and sends the released now it leads to crime, and sends the released convict back again to gaol. She asked one woman, "Why are you here again?" and was met with the counter-question, "Why are there so many public-houses in Marylebone?" Canon Wilberforce, who said he came hot-foot from another meeting, congratulated the Association on its majority, and declared that to find himself among so many female brethren, with their urge their men friends to speak for them? No, "ribbons and laces and sweet pretty faces," women must cry aloud; they must be seen and was as invigorating to him as putting it into a jar of oxygen was to a dying ember. As a clergyman, he was one of the psychical metal-finders of society, and he begged for a big collection. Lady Henry Somerset, who had here preciding at the Cornell for the control of the control of the seen and heard, and they will prove again in this matter to be a power in the strength of the God of Justice. All this is emphatically and terribly pressed upon us again just now by the use made in the House of Lords of the names and influence of women Lord Onslow held by a petition collection. Lady Henry Somerset, who had been presiding at the Council for seven hours that day, then gave an account of the plan of Duxhurst Home for Inebriate Women, and the holiday home for poor London children in connection therewith. The contrast shown at the Albert Hall two years ago was repeated—a connection therewith. The contrast snown as the Albert Hall two years ago was repeated—a band of strollers, dirty children brought straight diabolic system which that august assembly are diabolic system which that august assembly are band of strollers, dirty children brought straight from London slums, came on the platform, followed by a happy party in the red uniform worn at Duxhurst during the holiday, and carrying great posies of country flowers. The strangely-contrasted groups sang together, and there were few unmoved onlookers. Dr. Collins, Chairman of the London County Council, was to have been the next speaker, but after such a sight he felt unable to address the meeting, and went away without speaking. During the evening the Park Sisters, from New York, played beautifully upon silver cornets. A collection of about £63 was taken, and cheques for £50 and £20 were sent up. On Thursday morning it was announced that Countess Somers, mother of Lady Henry, had sent another cheque for £50.

#### TEMPERANCE CHILDREN'S FOUNTAIN.

On Saturday afternoon the ceremony of unveiling and presenting a new fountain to the London County Council in tweet for the male County Council, in trust for the public, was performed by Lady Henry Somerset. The proceedings were of an unpretentious character, but great interest was manifested in them by those admitted to the enclosure. Mr. William Bell, chairman of the Bridges Committee of the L.C.C., in accepting the gift on behalf of that body, observed that he would gladly see 'I know in London beautified by many more such works of art and utility. The fountain, which is adjacent to the statue of John Stuart Mill in the gardens close to the Temple Station, is surmounted by the bronze figure of a little barefooted girl, who holds a cup in both hands, as, if offering it to passers-by. An inscription reads as follows:—"From children of the Loyal Temperance Legion, in memory inscription reads as follows:—"From children of the Loyal Temperance Legion, in memory of work done for the temperance cause by Lady Henry Somerset, President of the National British Women's Temperance Union, inaugurated June 1896." It will thus be seen that the fountain is a gift to London from the that the fountain is a gift to London from the form to act as I did from 1869 to 1880, but I half to the change which has come over the country and public opinion. Never has there been a time when promptitude and activity were more wanted.

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"Age and impaired powers make it impossible for me to act as I did from 1869 to 1880, but I believe that God will give me the means in some way of communicating to others the wrath and the pity, the undaunted courage and high hope with which He continues to fill my soul.

Kelly, being in the British Women's Temperance Association was held at the Public Halt, Hastings, in May, when a sum of money was handed to Lady Henry Somerset to build a Hastings Cottage at the Duxhurst Home for Inebriate Women. There was a large attendance, when the president of the local association, Mrs. T. A. Kelly, being in the chair, supported by Lady States and named after Miss Frances Willard.

#### MRS. JOSEPHINE BUTLER ON THE NEW REGULA= TIONS FOR THE ARMY IN INDIA.

MRS. BUTLER has issued a letter on the above

subject of which the following is a portion:

"The cause we are fighting for is, primarily the cause of women, a long way, primarily, the cause of women, and one of the deepest convictions of my soul, is that in this question, this question of moral life and death to individuals and to nations, justice will be overthrown and evil will overcome good, unless women continue to be the heart and soul of the movement unless the woman's voice continually, in an unceasing stream, comes up to the Throne of God about it, and further, unless women make sacrifices and labour for the cause.

"My conviction goes so far as to embrace the necessity of woman having a foremost place in the battle, she must be heard and seen in in the battle, she must be heard and seen in this holy cause. When our sisters are vilely outraged and oppressed before our eyes, and angust assemblies of men promote and praise and glorify that oppression and that outrage as they have just done in the House of Lords, is it a time for women to sit still, and only to

"For the first time in the history of our long crusade, Parliament, as represented by the

Upper House, can truly boast of having the sympathy and support of women. . . . "Things are changed indeed! It has been lately said to me, 'This is enough to break your heart, Mrs. Butler, after your 30 years of bitter conflict, and now that you have no longer youth or strength to go forth as you did, through the whole country, pouring out vials of wrath on the false and wicked principles against which the populations of the North rose as one man

"My reply to this is, No! it shall not break y heart. Notfor one moment am I discouraged, my heart. Not for one moment am I discouraged, I know in Whom I have believed,' and in Whom

"A holy anger is needful-a just wrath "A noty anger is needful—a just wrating against injustice and oppression—the oppression of the weak by the strong—and against all the abettors of the devil's oppressive and indecent work in this matter. There is too little of that holy anger. Certain public events seem to me to point to a decay in the English nation of the spirit which prompts to a defence of the weak, and to practical protests against whole-sale acts of murder and lust. Alas, for England,

"Let me remind you of the words of Wm. Lloyd Garrison, the great Anti-slavery Leader, when he was accused (as we are) of using too strong language and showing too much indig-

"He said: 'I will speak strongly and I will be heard; the wrong against which I make war is enough to call up the dead from their graves, and to make every statue in this hall leap from

These are my words to-day. Oh, my fellow women, be bold and keep to the front. I recall the words of old Mr. Henley when he pleaded our cause many years ago in the House of Commons. He said: 'Women followed Christ to Calvary when men forsook him and fled. These women who have now taken up this cause, follow in their steps. They have endured the Cross, despising the shame, and they will continue to do so. They know better than we do the meaning of this controversy, and they will never forsake this cause nor their master,

'A greater victory in this matter awaits us than we have ever yet seen, but on one condition—on condition that we be found faithful, and that the smouldering love of justice and of indignation against foul wrong be fanned again into life until it becomes a devouring flame.—Ever your faithful friend,

"JOSEPHINE E. BUTLER.

## Current Relvs FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

THE Duchess of Albany's bazaar in aid of the Deptford Charitable Fund came to a successful termination, the two days' receipts having considerably exceeded £1.800.

Mr. JOHN ERSKINE, a Belfast merchant, has offered the Lords of the Treasury a freehold for Her Majesty's gracious acceptance as a site for a Royal residence in Ireland, about seven miles from Belfast

Even our canine friends are to benefit by the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It is proposed to establish premises in the country as an adjunct to the over-crowded Home at Battersea. One lady has given £200 towards this scheme, and another has offered £1,000. Her Majesty has increased her subscription to the Battersea Home, and is desirous that valuable dogs should not be put to death too speedily.

THE Mayoress of Northampton has been instrumental in collecting a fund which is to provide that all the aldermen and councillors of that borough shall be clothed in official violet gowns in commemoration of the year.

AT a meeting of the Salford Council, the Mayor, Alderman Mottram, announced that in commemoration of the Queen's reign he intended to present to the council a gold chain and pendant for the use of the present Mayoress and her successors. The pendant is designed to be in keeping with the great event of the year, and is surmounted by a miniature portrait of the Queen encircled with diamonds.

A meeting of the British Women's Temper-

Henry Somerset and Mrs. Pearsall Smith Miss Douglas Dale said the loving sympathy of many women in Hastings had urged them to share in the blessed work of lifting up many of their fallen sisters overcome by the overmastering love and power of strong drink, and by arranging a sale of work they had received the sum of £300 for the erection of a Hastings Cottage at Duxhurst. She explained that the money had not come from the homes of the rich, though some had contributed to it, and she had great pleasure in handing her ladyship a cheque for pleasure in handing her ladyship a cheque for £300. Lady Henry Somerset made a suitable

A GOOD cook in a West End family gets about £40 a year "and all found"; that is the sum offered by the Hampstead Board of Guardians as salary for a medical officer for the workhouse infirmary, with board and lodgings. At this rate the cook is better off than the doctor, as she gets certain "perquisites" from which he is debarred. Why this disparity? Because, we suppose, the supply of medical men is greater than the demand for them, while certainly the contravit is the aces with good cocks. contrary is the case with good cooks.

THE Lancaster coroner held an inquest into would for a moment accept. If the propositions were altered, and it were said that a mother's what he described as one of the most extra-ordinary poisoning cases that had come under his notice. A boy, aged four, named William Foxcroft, ate some buttercups, one of the commonest flowers gathered by children, and died monest flowers gathered by children, and died in a few hours from irritant poisoning. A verdict of accidental poisoning was returned. Children should be warned that buttercups must not be eaten. Cows avoid them by instinct.

A LADY, Miss R. Druiff, has just carried off the most highly-prized honour which the Royal Academy of Music can offer to a student. The Liszt Scholarship entitles its fortunate possessor to free tuition at the Academy for three years, and on the termination of this period, to a substantial sum in aid of a further two years study at a foreign conservatoire. It is awarded as the result of a competitive examination to the man or woman who shows the greatest merit in composition or pianoforte playing.

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BRITISH NURSES AND THE GREEK WOUNDED -

to Turks. We sent Nurses Hill Johnson

Sherman, and Coombs by steamer to Volo with Dr. Osborn, to bring down the wounded from

Velestino; and Nurses Walker and Whiteford have gone to help those soldiers injured at

THE Lady Cyclists' Association, which looks so keenly after the comforts of its members, has in anticipation of the coming season, taken a step which will be much appreciated. A cottage among the Surrey hills has been rented and furnished as a house of rest for members of the Association. It is within two miles of Box Hill, and has been provided with all requisites for simple cookery. It is intended mainly as a resting place, but members may occupy it for a day, or even a week, by arrangement with the Secretary, at 35 Victoria-street, S.W.

From the *Times* of last week:—"Lady Detective Required, for London, during the Jubilee Celebrations. Must be a linguist and Jublee Celebrations. Must be a linguist and otherwise accomplished. Good remuneration with liberal expenditure. Applicant preferred who has rendered confidential services to the Imperial Houses of Europe." It is this last condition which interests us. But can there be many English ladies who fulfil the requirements? Ladies there are, no doubt, who may have rendered these confidential services to the Imperial Houses. But are these ladies likely to turn detectives, even when the saleys is good to turn detectives, even when the salary is good and the expenditure liberal?

Ir may be surprising to not a few that in 1871, according to the Government statistics, there were 4,720,000 females regularly engaged in the industries of the country as against 9,964,000 males, and this did not take into account the married women who do so much of the work in their own homes, and the account the married women who do so much of the work in their own homes, and the number of single women at home who practically take the place of a servant. Consequently, a fair calculation will go to show that the number of women workers in this country thirty years ago exceeded the number of men. Since that time there has been a large development in connection with women's occupations. The old argument that a woman's place is in connection with women's occupations. The old argument that a woman's place is at home no one with any realisation of personal needs and justices between the sexes with the original realisation of personal needs and justices between the sexes with the needs and justices between the needs and

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were altered, and it were said that a mother's place is with her family it would be understandable and true. But when the earnings of parents are such as that they cannot afford to keep their children for a longer time than is necessary for their rearing, and when the position of the larger number of young men is not such as to enable them to keep a wife in the profuse perspiration which is caused by the high temperature of the air demands that it shall be realled in the sallowed in the sa fair comfort and to look forward with equanimity to the charges incidental to a family, then surely more freely than in colder weather. Attention it is better for young women, for a few years at any rate, to enter upon occupations enabling any rate, to enter upon occupations enabling Mason's Extract of Herbs for making a most pleasant and wholesome effervescing drink. some cases to help to maintain their aged and The herbs from which the Extract is made are those which have a long-standing reputation, dating back to the days when in every home-Mrs. Bedford Fenwick writes of the use that stead in the country the lady of the house Mrs. Bedford Fenwick writes of the use that the British Nurses have been in the recent unhappy Greek war as follows: "We found the nursing staff well, busy and happy, having been cared for by the Crown Princess in the most considerate manner. Nurses Farnsworth, Hanagan, Curtis, and Stollard are nursing H.R.H.'s ward in the Military School, used for the time being as a heavital for the wounded. the time being as a hospital for the wounded, and in beautiful order I found it. Nurses Lee, Fawkes, Fox, and Davidson are at the Military in our advertising columns, by sending a Hospital proper, where the work is not organised in English fashion. Nurses Davies, coupon placed in the advertisement, with nine-Caster, and Tillott are very busy at Kravassara, pence, makes a large quantity of a palatable near Arta, well to the front, and gaining and refreshing drink at a very small expense. golden opinions; and Nurse Warriner has remained all the time in Volo—Turks or has The instructions are perfectly simple and are printed upon every bottle. Our readers should send for a bottle at once and make a trial.

#### SONNET.

Pharsals, at which place there is no ambulance hospital of any sort. We also inspected several houses for a base hospital at the Firzus, and the Queen granted us a lovely spacious house,

As blooms perennial our English rose. the Queen granted us a lovely spacious house, which we greatly fancied, close to the sea at All blessings greet thee on the joyous way

which we greatly fancied, close to the sea at the Pireus, and into which the wounded can be transported with great ease. Dr. Abbot, Miss Nesbit and myself concentrated our 'united energies upon fumigating, cleansing, and furnishing the house, and to be ready by the time the steamers returned to receive our first batch of patients. You will see, therefore, that we

And practised; in the Church, at home, in THE VALUE OF IVY AS A PROTECTION FROM Throughout all life; till love be known best

And Peace rejoice—"None making us afraid!"

To succeed one must sometimes be very bold and sometimes very prudent.—Napoleon.

THE great secret of success in life is to be Beaconsfield

# DECORATION.

NOVELTIES IN TABLE

JUNE 17, 1897.

PINK tulle is quite the latest thing in table decoration, waves of it formed into a puffy circle in the centre, and bows of it tying up sprays of sweet peas. Sometimes the tulle is veiled in old lace, but just as often as not it is plain, and it forms a pretty foundation for the glass vases of roses, malmaisons, or pelagoniums, but more especially for pink sweet peas. Old lace is being very much used on dinner-tables at present, and the effect is most light and delicate. The centre-piece is laid over coloured tulle, or a carelessly tied bow with one long end is placed at each corner of the table. I saw a charming table decorated in this style the other day by the Women's London Gardening Association. A trophy of pink malmaisons and asparagus fern occupied the centre of the table, the centre-piece being the centre of the table, the centre-piece being a square of old lace laid on puffings of pale pink tulle. A lace bow appeared at either corner of the table, kept in place by a spray of pink carnations. The candle-shades were pink, and the sweetmeats were made specially to match the flowers, in shades of pink and green, and they looked very pretty in small silver trays. A pretty luncheon table recently decorated by another lady florist formed a harmony in pink and mauve. The table centre was of white linen, embroidered in silk, with sprays of pink roses and Parma violets. Four white china vases (in the new "column" shape), were filled with the new mauve and pink marguerites—the latest inven-tion of the fancy florist—and the stems of the vases were adorned with pink satin ties; but coloured cornflowers (pink or mauve) are also being used for luncheon tables, as well as for bridesmaids' bouquets. Personally, I do not like these artificial-looking tints, for it seems to me that nature has given us so many lovely flowers that we need not try to improve upon

I saw a very pretty table at a smart luncheon asw a very pretty table at a smart luncheon party given on one of the hot days which we have suffered from this June. A long narrow strip of looking glass was placed all along the table, edged with a border of dark green leaves. In the centre of the mirror was a silver fillagree bowl full of pale yellow narcissus, whilst two glass columns of the same flowers were placed at a little distance from it on either side. The delicate flowers and the silver bowl reflected in the glass gave a great impression of coolness, and all the drinking glasses were in opalescent glass shades, from white to turquoise blue. At a supper party given on the same evening, the supper party given on the same evening, the decorations were in the ever-successful combination of white and yellow, and the principal novelty consisted in the table-cloth, which was in cream-coloured damask, with the centre and the in cream-coloured damask, with the centre and the four corners embellished by a large pattern of yellow sunflowers woven into the linen. The hanging lamp was shaded with yellow silk frills, and the flowers were yellow marguerites, arranged with an abundance of feathery grass. These table cloths come from Germany, and I hear that many new patterns are being prepared in with a rellev cornice and covere time likes. pink or yellow poppies and orange tiger-liles. Some very pretty table centres are seen at fashionable parties, but some of the floral fashionable parties, but some of the floral decorators prefer to have the bare cloth to work upon, arranging the sprays and bouquets of flowers on invisible wire supports.

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## WHAT TO WEAR.



6923.—Stylish costume made in a plain ummer material; the centre part of the skirt trimming, which are arranged to form points back and front; the bodice is trimmed across the front with four hands to match, each hand forming a bow in the centre; the collar and waistband are of velvet; the close-fitting



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## ECONOMICAL COOKERY.

By MISS LIZZIE HERITAGE. First Class Diplomée Cookery and Domestic Economy; Author of "Cassell's New Uni versal Cookery," &c., &c.)

SOME OLD-FASHIONED CAKES.

This week I give my readers the result of a peep into an old-fashioned manuscript cookery book. The recipes are as there written book. The recipes are as there written, with very slight modification in one or two

A great authority on bee-keeping says that no cakes retain moisture so long as those into which honey enters, and lays great stress upon their wholesomeness.

HONEY SPICE CAKE.

Get together the materials, which are a pound of flour, the same weight of castor sugar (pounded loaf in the original), half a pound of honey, six ounces of butter, freshest of the fresh; half an ounce of baking powder, a quarter of an ounce of ground ginger, a good pinch of ground mace and a grain of cayenne; milk as required. Now beat well the sugar and butter, it must be white and creamy; then beat in the honey very thoroughly. All the dry ingredients (and good flour is needed) should be blended first and incorporated lightly with the rest. Add milk, a Get together the materials, which are a needed) should be blended first and incorporated lightly with the rest. Add milk, a spoonful at a time, to make a moist mixture, and then spread it in a tim two inches deep, that has been buttered, and dredged with a mixture of sugar and flour (equal); shake out all that does not adhere, and see that the tin is only half filled at the most. The oven should be moderate all through, but a little sharpest at starting. In the matter of spice a good deal can be left to one's discretion, and where it is disliked note that the cake with other flavourings would be equally acceptable at most tables. at most tables.

"AN OLD RECIPE FOR PARKIN." Such was the heading for the next dainty. There is an old couplet which runs—

"Be not the first to cast the old aside: Be not the last to leave the new untried. Acting on this advice, I have reduced the white flour to half, adding Hovis in its stead, and I venture to think that the parkin is the better; at any rate, it is more nutritious, and that cannot be a departure on the wrong side. You waistband are of velvet; the close-fitting sleeves are made with very small puffs of material on the shoulders, and they are trimmed round with bands of the trimming, some of which forms small epaulettes on the shoulders. Quantity of 44 in. material required 8, and trimming 16 yards. Patterns from this office, 1s. 1½d.

Cannot be a departure on the wrong side. You cannot be a departure on the wrong side. You cannot be a departure on the wrong side. You cannot be a departure on the wrong side. You cannot be a departure on the wrong side. You ice, and a little milk.

Il-spice, and a little muk.

Make the basin warm, and beat up the butter and sugar, and then add the treacle. A thorough beating is important as, after the dry materials (mixed) are put in, little by little, nothing more than a stir must be ventured upon. The mill is to go in last, just enough to produce a soft dough. The tins are to be shallow, and well coated with butter free from salt, and the oven must be slow. As soon as taken from the oven, brush over with well-beaten egg yolk and put

#### THE NEW LEMONADE.

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many of us had our eyes fixed with painful interest on Armenia, and eagerly desired for its

Much the better for a few days' keeping before cutting. The mass can be made into cakes, and cut out with a round cutter for baking on a flat tin, but it must be stiffer in that case; both the milk and treacle can be reduced a little. These cakes, I hope, may be useful in the holiday season. If they are approved I can give more from the same trustworthy source.

are great favourites with most people. This comes from a resident, and I can only say that I never tasted nicer "wonders." When well cooked, they resemble American pies in one respect, that they seem handy for any meal. It is essential that they be well done, and to other things the second of the secon attain this one must be acquainted with the deep frying pan, and understand the manipulation. First rub a quarter of a pound of butter into a pound of fine, dry, sifted flour, and mix with a quarter of a pound of sugar, fine castor; one add those ages one at a time you may now add three eggs, one at a time, you may want a fourth, it depends on the size, and the dryness of the flour; the paste should be soft but not sticky; work it only as much as is required. Now divide into small ovals, each with three cuts, then twist, and make into light knots; the cuts assist the cooking. Now let me own, that although the recipe said that "these must be fried in equal parts of lard and buttor." or foiling the principles. butter," or failing the mixture, all lard, my experiment, made with a mixture of clarified fat and Hugon's suet, turned out well; and I know that a vegetarian acquaintance got good results with "vegetable butter"; so on this point there is no need to be didactical. Serve hot with a good sprinkling of sugar over, and pile very lightly on the dish.

Boil half a pound of lump sugar with a little less than half a pint of water, to a thick syrup; have ready a mixture of fruit, such as bananas peeled and sliced, stoned cherries and oranges,

By the way, a few apricots, tinned, if fresh cannot be got, will make your salad all the nicer, and for special occasions a few grapes will further enhance the appearance.

To conclude, I think I cannot do better than give you something novel in the way of biscuits, for they are particularly good with fruit dishes, ices, and the like, as well as for afternoon tea; they eat well with coffee, too, if you remember to use a flavouring of vanilla or cinnamon, instead of lemon. They are called

#### "PRETZELS" (GERMAN).

First sift three ounces of the best flour into a bowl, then beat the whites of two small eggs with a pinch of salt quite stiffly, add five and a-half ounces of castor sugar, stirring lightly until blended; grate the rind of half a good lemon until blended; grate the rind of half a good lemon into the flour, then put this mixture to the eggs and sugar. If not a stiff paste, put in a trifle more flour, roll out, and cut into about a dozen and a half; twist each portion, and bake in a slow oven to a pale golden brown; when three parts done, brush each with beaten egg white, and dredge with castor sugar, and let them finish slowly at the mouth of the oven. They should cool on a sieve, but must be handled with great care.

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### HOME GARDENING FOR LADIES.

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

#### APPROVED NOVELTIES.

THE following have lately come under my notice, and seem deserving of all praise. We will give vegetables first, as being the more practical. It is, of course, too late to grow any of these from seeds for summer use, but young seedlings may be obtainable, or notes can be made of the names to order next season. Any ne wishing to make a new strawberry bed or lantation in the autumn may do so with 'merveilleuse," a French fruit of great produc-iveness and excellent quality. Those who like giant asparagus, can get "asperges d'argen which is quite phenomenal in size. "C which is quite phenomenal in size. "Golden Nugget" is simply the prettiest little tomato I ever saw—bright, yellow, almost fransparent, round, and with a flawless, satin-smooth skin. A cucumber called "A. I." is very attractive in appearance, and excellent eating. A small round lettuce, brown-tipped, is well-named "The Epicure."

While writing of vegetables and the kitches.

While writing of vegetables and the kitchen ripe fruit. writing of vegetables and the kitchen garden, let me remark that readers who have fennel in their gardens should treasure and try to increase it. Having some years ago fallen temporarily out of favour for kitchen use, this plant was banished from civilisation, so to speak, and now that it is again asked for, it cannot easily be procured even from country neighbourhoods, and from London markets and retailers not at all.

of with a good sprinkling of sugar over, and pile very lightly on the dish.

I fancy that when one can indulge in these with an accompaniment of stewed fresh fruit, the absence of a pudding at dinner would not cause much regret.

M SIMPLE FRUIT SALAD

The may be made as follows, and I would commend it to the notice of those who may be under the impression that nothing bearing this name can be indulged in without violation of temperance principles.

Boil bold.

## PUDDING DAYS.

EPICURES as people grow as they get older, most of them—women and children especially—never forget their pudding days, and, having a "sweet tooth," are always ready to welcome peeled and sliced, stoned cherries and oranges, freed from outer and inner skin and pips, and divided into sections, or sliced as liked; you may add an apple sliced, but the above blend well and give good results; pour the boiling syrup over and cover for awhile; an ounce or two of blanched and chopped sweet almonds will improve it, and so will a glass of maraschino syrup, to be got of a first-class grocer. Serve cream, either whipped or plain, separately, and also finger biscuits, or sweet rusks, or fancy shaped pieces of cake, of the white variety.

By the way, a few apricots, tinned, if fresh cannot be got, will make your salad all the a dainty and appetising blancmange, custard or jelly. And the mother is always in an odour of sweet sanctity who gives to her children, to the invalid under her charge, and to the males in her care a sweet jelly, daintily transparent, are made Chivers' Gold Medal Table Jellies, by a method and cleanliness of manufacture as dainty as their flavour, and from the purest and best obtainable material. Thus they are free from the "gluey" taste characteristic of inferior makes of jelly. These Jellies are very easily made, an intelligent child can do it, and they set so quickly and firmly that they are a pleasure to make. They gratify the eye as well as the palate, for their transparency is so delicately williant and their transparency is so delicately brilliant, and their appearance so appetising and enticing that they gratify the natural pride of the house

wife in every respect.

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perfectly-shaped flower of a lovely rose-pink hue, and "Ensign," a curious shade of red, rather flery, and yet not tending to orange.

To the happy owner of a stove-house, I would ssign Callachiums, with their infinite variety of beautiful foliage, especially such gems as 'Maritre le Troye," of which the leaves are palest. Nile-water green, veined with salmon pink; and "Mrs. McLeod," rose-red, veined with a still deeper tint, and "Lady Molesey," a paler rose than the last, veined with crimson veins, a narrow edging and incidental splashes of myrtle

For a garden with light, dry soil I would For a garden with light, dry soil I would apportion some Calochorti or Mariposa lilies, beautiful, hardy, and excellent for cutting. They should be planted in autumn, September if possible, on a bed slightly raised, or sloping to the south; plenty of drainage at any rate is necessary, and some slight protection of bracken or other covering during the winter. When growing they want lots of water, and after blooming they die down, and should be taken up and dried off thoroughly. In addition to these I would give a beautiful yellow iris, Belle Chinoise, and the plum-scented iris, which in colouing and odour resembles the

A herbacious border should be enriched with A herbacious border should be enriched with a double form of the yellow Welsh poppy, and the deep orange Troillus Fortunea, the pretty white Ranunculus Aconite Folium, and a lovely double rock rose, cerise and quite azalea-like. Also "Rayon d'Or," a semi-double cactus dahlia, white-edged with orange, and "Miss Webster," a large double white of the same

Over the roof of a "cool" greenhouse I Over the roof of a "cool" greenhouse I would twine "Marcel Moser," a new and very handsome elematis just introduced from France, adding "Queen Victoria" and "Baronne Didier," tuberous begonias, some beautiful Japanese maples, and "Yule-tide," a brillian

red tree carnation.

Last, but not least, we come to the roses,
"Duke of York," an improved China rose,
which might well be mistaken for a tea;
"Medee," a crimson tea rose, "Enchantress,"
creamy-white, and "Slyphe," cream flushed
with shell pink, both teas; also Empress
Alexandre of Russia, or "dess Russie," as the Alexandre of Russia, or "dess Russie," as the nurseryman calls it in his extraordinary way of commingling languages. "Mrs. Ramsey" is an hybrid perpetual, very pale pink and ethereal-looking. For this the raiser claims that it is "mildew-proof," and it should therefore be tried in gardens where this pest is in the ascendant. The "Climbing Earl of Pembroke" is a very bendeans received. broke" is a very handsome rose, really a "weeping standard" rather than a climber; the flowers are full and well shaped, and appear to be borne very freely. E. L. CHAMBERLAIN.



#### Our Open Columns.

The Editor does not hold herself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

SHALL WOMEN REFUSE THEIR TAXES?

suffrage to women has been met and answered

ing campaigns and public meetings are required to keep the agitation before Parliament and the public. The 7th of July is fixed by the House for the third reading of our Bill. I

should suggest that if any "unforseen circumstances" should interfere to prevent the debate on that day, and thus "shelve" the Bill for another year, we women who believe in the justice of our demands should form a league,

binding ourselves to resist passively the pay-ment of taxes until such taxation be followed

by representation. What Miss Hall and Miss Babb—worthy pioneers in a righteous agitation

-did for a number of years let five or ter thousand women do for, perhaps, only one year, and the object lesson all over England of seeing

the goods of quiet law-abiding citizens allowed to be sold at public auction "for conscience sake"

Madam, yours faithfully,

Dora B. Montefiore.

To the Editor of the Woman's Signal.

Does not such a line of argument proceed on a false assumption? It implies that, in further-

ing an election, we are only conferring a personal

avour on the candidate; but surely our object is

in allowing personal considerations to make us wilfully obstruct the attainment of such an

object? The question of Women's Suffrage is a very important one, but we can hardly claim

that it is the most vital question of the hour, still less that it outweighs all other questions

DEAR MADAM, -I feel that your paper is the

Hayward's Heath.

Eldon Lodge, Lindfield,

to give us our rights?

sake that a Liberal Government might come We may have been mistaken in thinking that such an event would bring relief to that unhappy land, but, thinking so—rightly or wrongly—could we have balanced our own enfranchisement, even though the "our" included all the women of England, against the To the Editor of the Woman's Signal. liberties of a nation, the lives of its people, the honour of its women? I do not forget that it DEAR MADAM, -Your interesting and sugges tive remarks in your issue of June 3rd on the subject of women's disconnected and apparently was taken for granted by all the speakers at the Queen's Hall meeting that a woman would futile protests against taxation without representation have brought the subject before our minds in a practical form. Some time ago I never give direct support to a candidate not belonging to her own party; but, by with-holding assistance from his opponent, would she not be indirectly helping him, perhaps even turning the scale in favour of the party she sed it with other ardent suffragist with a view to carrying on a campaign of non-payment of taxes on the lines worked years agodeems the wrong one? And, if we do ignore all interests but our own, shall we benefit our cause? I doubt it. It seems to me more payment of taxes on the lines worked years ago-with such self-denial, and ultimately with such success by the Society of Friends or Quakers, Strong in the justice of their cause (a protest against paying church tithes) they year after year suffered their most cherished possessions to be distrained for rates, and thus kept the ikely that we shall alienate the sympathies of the very politicians we should wish to have as friends, viz., those whose principle it is to rise above all mere class interests. On the other question and agitation constantly before the public until relief came. The memory of what above all mere class interests. On the other hand, shall we not win over such men to our cause if we prove ourselves capable of appre-ciating the relative importance of things, unswayed by personal considerations?—Yours they underwent is kept green every year among their co-religionists by a memorial day, known as "Suffering's Day," when the story of their brave deeds is told to the generations that have come after and who have benefited by those "sufferings." I cannot but think that now when every argument against granting the REPLY TO THE ABOVE LETTER.

To the Editor of the Woman's Signal.

and when only privileged injustice prevents thousands of her Majesty's taxpaying and qualified subjects from making their influence felt in the land, other measures besides lectur-DEAR MADAM,—The letter of your correspondent "H. M. S." raises two issues: (1) are Liberal women justified in making their nation are too great to be stigmatised as personal, unhesitatingly maintain, in respect of the first issue, that Women's Suffrage is the most vital question before the country. I admit that "H. M. S." has taken the highest good would result from the enfranchisement of the women of this country than could reasonably be hoped for from the best possible settlement of the Armenian question. I may may convince the most sceptical that the time has come to grant the suffrage to women on the same conditions as it is held by men.—I am, add that I do not share the confidence of H. M. S. even in that matter, for I do not expect self-styled Liberals, who are indifferent to the

THE SUFFRAGE AND LIBERAL PARTY WORK.

H. M. S. surely argues much political inexperience. Male politicians have invariably acted. fittest to which to address my objection to one point in the admirable speeches I had the

point in the admirable speeches 1 had the pleasure of hearing on May 26th.

More than one of the speakers urged that women should refuse to help in any way the election of candidates who were not in favour of Women's Suffrage. "Why," it was said, "should we work for those who are unwilling the ring us our rights?" ing against him, or where would be the induce ment to secure our support? But I firmly believe that if only one or two of our leading Liberal opponents could be defeated by the abstention of Liberal women, we should very soon see Women's Suffrage on the Liberal soon see Women's Suffrage on the Liberal soon see Women's Suffrage on the Liberal programme, for party politicians are above all things practical and human, and are too worldly wise to resent a policy which they have always ficial laws. If this be so, should we be justified

#### HESTER LEEDS.

Hon. Secretary Union of Practical Suffragists within the Women's Liberal Federation. Croydon

## BROTHER AND SISTER.

THE other day, says a correspondent of the Yorkshive Gazette, I was introduced to a Miss Bale, residing in the outskirts of York. It transpired that she had some time ago been

transpired that she had some time ago been very ill, and the circumstances of her recovery were so interesting that I asked and obtained consent to give publicity to them.

"I had two serious illnesses," she said, "and for long after suffered from weariness, langour, and exhaustion. My life was a burden. Some three years ago, while a right property the subment of three years ago, while a victim of the ailments just described, I was recommended by my brother-in-law to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, which, he said, had been "the making of him." I followed his advice, with the happiest results. After half a box of these



Pills I was relieved, and have been considerably better ever since. They made me alert, active, bright, and cheerful, conditions exactly opposite to those before I had taken them

Miss Bale's account of her brother-in-law's Are Elberal women justified in making their enfranchisement a test question? (2) Is such a policy likely to be effective? I accept the challenge on both points, and, noting by the way, that the interests of the larger half of the words he could use," she added, "could u arready stated that she took to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills on his recommendation. "No words he could use," she added, "could adequately describe the good effects which he derived from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. He had had something wrong with the spine, and lost no end of work; but now, having taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, he never leave day. He wed to go to not write the present the property of the pills of the pills. admit that "H. M. S." has taken the highest ground in putting forward the Armenian question for comparison—the other items on the Liberal programme being obviously of much less immediate importance than Women's Suffrage, and many of them incapable of being properly dealt with until women are represented, but I contend that a greater sum of good would result from the enfranchisement of benefit he had derived from taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

The words of Miss Bale when her interviewer took leave of her were: "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People have really strengthened me. I consider them excellent. Whatever very keen in redressing the wrongs of strangers, since justice, like charity, begins at home.

As for the second issue, the contention of H. M. S. surely arrange much strangers are permanent. They are directly on the blood and arrange much strangers. occupation I follow, so far from being a trouble. As for the second issue, the contention of H. M. S. surely argues much political inexperience. Male politicians have invariably acted as we women are now proposing to do, and our best friends, such as Sir James Stansfeld, Mr. Jacob Bright, Sir Arthur Arnold, and Mr. Walter McLaren, all of whom are familiar with practical politics, express their surprise that we should be content to act as "political charwomen," and are clearly of opinion that we shall not be taken seriously until we adopt a different line of conduct.

We are, of course, quite aware that not working for a candidate means indirectly working against him, or where would be the induce-

#### GOOD FEELING.

Soon after the battle of Waterloo, when so Soon after the battle of Waterloo, when so many maimed and wounded officers were to be seen in the streets, a gentleman, passing along Bond Street, was somewhat forcibly pushed against the wall by a porter. In the irritation of the moment he raised a small cane he had in his hand, and gave the porter a smart cut across the shoulders. The man instantly turned round and threw himself into an attitude of ottack, but nervelying his adversary had recently attack; but perceiving his adversary had recently lost his right arm, he took off his hat, and, without saying a word, passed on his way

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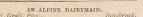
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