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THE INFUENCE OF WOMAN. It Promises to Increase as the World Grows Older. THE MODERN WOMAN WHO SOARS.

A Striking Feature of this Progressive Age-Gifts for Bachelor Friends-Fable of Two Girl Graduates-Women Writers.

It is well know that females are largely in excess of males in our existing population, and this fact, if it were a necessary and permanent one, would tend to weaken the selective agency of women, as it undoubtedly does now. But there is good reason to believe that it will not be a permanent feature of our population, writes A. R. Wallace in the Fortnightly Review. The births always give a larger propertion of males than females, varying from 31 to 4 per cent. But boys die so much more rapidly than girls that when we include all under the age of five the numbers are nearly equal. For the next five years the mortality is nearly the same in both sexes; then that of females preponderates up to thirty years of age, then up to sixty that of men is the larger, while for the rest of life female mortality is again greatest. The general result is that at the ages of most frequent marriagefrom 20 to 35-females are between S and 9 per cent. in excess of males. But during the ages from 5 to 35 we find a wonderful excess of male deaths from two preventable causes-"accident" and "violence," For the year 1888 the death from these causes in England and Wales were as follows: Males, (5 to 35 years,) 4,158; females, (5 to 35 years,)

1.100. Here we have an excess of male over female deaths in one year of 3,058, all between the ages of five and thirty-five, a very large portion of which is no doubt due to the greater risks run by men and boys in various industrial occupations. In a state of society in which the bulk of the population were engaged in industrial work it is quite certain that almost all of these deaths would be prevented, and thus bring the male population more nearly to an equality with the female. But there are also many unhealthy employments in which men are exclusively engaged, such as the grinders of Sheffield, the white lead manufacturers, and many others; and many more men have their lives shortened by labor in unventilated workshops to say nothing of the loss of life in war. When the lives of all its citizens are accounted of equal value to the community no one will be allowed to suffer from such preventable causes as these, and this will still further reduce the mortality of men as compared with that of women. On the whole, then, it seems highly probable that in the so-ciety of the future the superior numbers of males at birth will be maintained throughout life, or, at all events, during what may be termed the marriageable period. This will greatly increase the influence of women in the improvement

of the race. Being a marriage, which is a real choice in marriage, which is rarely the case now. This actual min-sate being further increased by those the subject says: "Things were different when we were boys. In those distant days women are nostly angels. Nowadays women are abarks, typewriters remain permanently unmarried, and as these will consist very largely, if not almost wholly, of those who are the least perfectly developed either mentally or physically, the constant advance of the race in every good quality will be insured.

a gay braid. Next a pair of tiny scissors are dependent from the silver bar by lengths of narrow blue ribbon. A big owef very much wider ribbon of the ized as needle cases. Nothing could be more complete, and never will the bach-clor bless his woman friend so fervently as when, in a tearing harry, the little mender bobs up to supply his impatient

necda Fate of Two Sweet Girl Graduates.

Two sweet girl graduates went forth to walk in the woods, says Harper's Bazar. In their holiday mood all roads were one to them, and when they came to across-roads they turned into it. A hunter who happened to be standing near spoke to them.

"Don't take that road, young women, he said, "it isn't safe. "Why isn't it safe?" asked the sweetest

of the giri graduates, incredulously. "Because a bear has lately gone up that way.

"How do you know that? Did you see the bear?

"No, I didn't see him; but there is his ai," and the hunter pointed to some trait footprints on the ground

The girl graduates carefully examined the tracks, and said one to the other: 'They don't look like the prints of a bear's paw. Do you think they are?" "Don't believe him," said the other. "I don't think they look a bit like bear racks

"Do you know a bear trail when you

"Ho you know a bear unit when you see it?" queried the hunter. "If you mean the print of a bear's paws on the ground," said one of the graduates, with a lofty air, "I am sure anyone could tell what they would look

Did you ever see the tracks of a bear?"

repeated the hunter. "No." replied the girl graduate, "but natural history gives us the conformation of a bear's paws, and the commonest mental operation would teach us from that what their tracks would look like. I don't think these look the least like the footprints of a bear. Bears have laws, and there are no marks of claws here

"Who ever heard of a bear without claws?" said the other girl graduate, with a withering glance at the hunter. "What kind of tracks be they, then, miss?" asked the hunter.

"Indeed I don't know." returned one of the sweet girl graduates, supercili-ously. "They certainly are not the tracks of a bear." "Besides," added the other sweet girl graduate, "who ever heard of bears walking along roads?"

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The hunter's stock of argument as well as words were limited, and he said noth-ing. The sweet girl graduates went on

their way. They had not gone far when a bear sprang upon them and ate them up. The only parts of their anatomy not mastirated beyond identity were their tongues. which, finding tough, the bear had swallowed whole. Before the process of digestion fairly began these found time for a few words:

"They were bear tracks, after all," said one.

"And suppose they were," replied the other, "how were we to know?"

Modern Women Who Soar.

The most notable advances made in recent years have been by women, says Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette the They have risen so rapidly that there is danger of them coming down like the stick that goes up with the rocket. Women are not like they used to be.

and medical students. The male person thinks it is better to be an angel than a medical student; but the ladies do not care a bit what the male person thinks. At least, so they say, and it would be rude to disbelieve them. "When we were boys the girls were all anxious to get married. Nowadays they are too proud to get married, and too highly cultured to take babies seri-ously. What they want is to get divorced. "When we were boys the girls used to stay at home and darn our socks and sew buttons on our shirts. Nowadays the girls ride on the outside of 'busses, and look angry when male persons smoke. Not so long since an advanced lady tumbled off the top of a 'bus into the street and got some mud on her frock, and the male persons said it was a judgment on her for not riding inside. That was rude and unsympathetic on the part of the male persons. The probabilities are that women will continue to soar for some time to come, and may even attempt to establish petticoat rule in church and state, as well as in society, but the result will be as it always has been heretofore. In the course of time, however, they will come down and agree to make a fair divide of the duties and responsibilities of life. This may not occur for half a century or more, but it will come by and by. Let her soar, and let her reign and rule to her heart's content. She will tire of it sooner if you let her have her own way than if you fight her. She loves man too well and is too proud of the man she loves to tyrannize over him very long. When she does return to earth she will

"ting-a-ling-ling" will instantly bring her pa, ma or big brother into the room, and the offender will be summarily and ejected. The electrical corset has a same shade has one loop cunningly fash-loned into a miniature button bag, the other furnished with a pocket for the silver thimble, while both ends are utilspeedily in the divorce courts. Many a young man, under the inspiration of the moment, when his arm is encircling a girl's waist, breathes a love which he would otherwise have left untold. This is all wrong. The electric corset will put an end most effectually to this prac-

But let parents be on their guard. These boys will devise means to beatthe electric bell of this new corset, just as the conductors did the bell punch.

The Concern About Daughters.

The problem of the future of our sons give us comparatively little concern, provided only that health, intellectual power, and moral integrity are theirs, writes Mrs. Helen E. Starrett in the Forum. "An open field and a fair fight." We rejoice that we are past the day when considerations of rank or class or social prestige fettered the free activity of sons born into homes of culture and refinement. We do not dread for them loss of property or wealth. But for our daughters' Looking out upon the complicated, nervous life of today, as it is lived both within the home and without, what problems, what compli-cations, what vicissitudes, what dangers do we perceive environing them! As the best beginning we know how to make, we educate them in all the learning of the school; we send them to college; they become linguists and musicians and artists. We recognize the significance of personal attractiveness, and encourage them to pay attention to all those adornments of dross and person which are consistent with womanly refinement and dignity. If, while the bloem of youth is still fresh upon their cheeks, the good and faithful son of some other parents offers his love and his hand, and that love is reciprocated, we perhaps think for a little time that the problem is solved. The normal destiny of a young woman is apparently accomplished, we say, when she becomes the wife of the man whom she loves and

who loves her. A home, wifehood, tender love of husband and children— what have we left to desire for our daughters? We have that left to desire which we can never attain-the power to secure to them the continuance of happy and favoring circumstances, life and love of husband, home, property, income.

A Lady Naturalist.

Fraulein von Chauvin, the German lady scientist in natural history, attracted much flattering attention at the re-cent congress at Berlin, where she even had her place next to Virchow, says the London Queen. Fraulein von Chauvin, having been prevented through ill health from going through the regular school routine, including languages, has concentrated all her interest in the study of observations of animal and vegetable life. She has, by her ingenious experiments and discoveries proved herself a natural scientist of the first class, and enjoys a wide and general reputation as such.

Heraviary is a regular Noah's ark; where she, as she says, by her love forces the most different animals to live peaceably together. Vultures, pigeons, ravens, owls, fowls, a parrot, a stork, peacocks, ducks, etc., all get on togeth-er in the best possible manner, and know and obey the voice of their mistress. A Siamese cat has its quarters in the same cage as some Egyptian rats; but they take no notice of each other. Fraulein von Chauvin's collection of butterflies is the most perfect in Germany, Also within the vegetable world this gifted lady has wrought many wonders, and she has reared flowers and seeds where no





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For Your Bachelor Friends.

Girls who have been the recipients of numerous attentions from their men friends are no longer called upon to suffer the uncertainties that formerly beset them when the time comes to testify anpreciation with small souvenirs presented at Christmas or on birthdays. It It used to be serious matter to think up suitable gifts for a man. If one happened to achieve popularity with the fair sex his ingenuity was severely taxed to know what disposition to make of the scores of shaving sets, slippers, mouchoir cases, and pen wipers that threatened to deluge him, says the New York Sun. Some years ago, after the death of a famous physician, his wife in looking over his effects, counted thirty odd embroidered smoking caps sent by his feminine admirers, together with unlimited useless needlework her husband had never even removed from their ori-ginal wrappings. With much tact the lady gave the entire lot to a fancy lady gave the entire lot to a fancy charity bazaar going on the town at that

But men have changed, and their necessities are tenfold more complex than of old. For instance, the bachelors, those who live in apartments, they are grateful for almost any little triffe that adds to the luxury of their menage. Nearly all of them do a bit of perfunct-ory housekeeping, and give afternoon teas in their chambers during the season. In the glass corner cupboards fitted into the wall they are, therefore, happy to add dainty teacups and decora-ted plates to their carefully selected stock of china. Silk tea cases, embroidered doylies, divan pillows, and prettily outlined tray cloths are among the inexpensive presents a young woman may give with propriety. If the friendship is of long standing, or the obligations on her side are many and heavy, a piece of silver may be war-ranted. Then her selection of gifts is vastly extended. She may choose a fat repousse cream jug, a hammered silver sugar bowl, an ungraved dish for bonbons or tea leaves; or, again, from the miscellaneous counter where silver inkstands, loving cups, picture frames and candlesticks are sold, a choice bit of Doulton or a cut crystal flower bowl is admissible under the circumstances named, but the lady should always make sure that her offering is suggestive of the daintiness of its feminine donor. Costliness is no longer prohibited in an exchange of gifts, but etiquette that dictates in such matters is quite as stringent as to the style of presents men and women give each other.

It is not a bad idea for those women who have been entertained on yachts to bear in mind the keen appreciation with which the captain receives the pretty trifles intended to add to the interior beauty of his boat. An embroidered deck cushion, a gay afghan, a silk and lace shade to temper the cabin lamps, are all useful and acceptable.

But possibly the newest and most flatteringly individual of tricks a belle can bestow is the pocket or toilet table glove mender. It is a round, heavy silver ring, two inches and a half in diameter, having the map's full name and the date of its presentation engraved on its pol-ished surface. Two dozen or more ished surface. Two dozen or more for a young man to slip his arm around strands of vari-colored sewing silks are a girl's waist or lay his head upon her then looped over the ring and plaited in | shoulder without giving the alarm. The

probably settle down to housekeeping and home-building.

Modern Boadiceas.

Among the modern Boadiceas who have within the past quarter of a cen-tury "taken the field" with sword and shield as officers of cavalry regiments with a fearlessness and daring unexcelled by men, the New York Sun enumerates the German Empress Dowager Victoria, princess royal of Great Britain and Ireland; the duchess of Edinburgh, Grand Duchess Marie Alexandrovna of Russia, and the mother of the duchess of Connaught, the widowed Princess Frederick Charles of Prussia. Each of the ladies was distinguished from other dashing officers of regiments simply by the woman's short riding skirt rather than from lack of skill or bravery in command. The present German empress takes a more active interest in inilitary affairs than almost any royal lady in Europe has manifested of late. At a review of the regiment of cuirassiers she led her regiment past the emperor in a riding habit of white cash-mere, with a uniform jacket having on the collar and shoulders the red and silver colors of the regiment, and a threecornered white hat with drooping feath ers. She rides superbly and remained on horseback many hours during the re-

view, appearing at lunch afterward in her uniform. Electric Corsets.

It is a writer in the Boston Herald who says: I've always been opposed to this promiscuous courting; this vicious system which permits a young man without any intentions to waste a girl's time with his attentions. At last I have devised a remedy. The electrical corset solves the difficulty. It will no longer be possible

health does not allow her to read or write much, but one or two of her treatises has attracted great attention.

Women Writers.

In an article in the Century, on "Woman in American Literature," Miss Helen Gray Cone says: "The irrespon-sible feminine free lance, with her gay dash at all subjects, and her illiterative pen name dancing in every melee like a brilliant peanon, has gone over into the more appropriate field of journalism. The calmly adequate literary matron of all work is an admirable type of the past no longer developed by the new condi-tions. The articles of the late Lucy M. Mitchell on sculpture, and Mrs. Schuyler van Rensselaer on art and archi-tecture; the historical work of Martha J. Lamb and of the lamented Mary L. Booth, the latter also an indefatigable translator; the studies of Helen Campbell in social science; the translations of Harriet Waters Preston-these few examples are typical of the determination and concentration of woman's work at the present day. We notice in each new issue of a magazine the well-known

specialists. Miss Thomas has given her-self to the interpretation of nature, in prose as in verse; "Olive Thorne" Miller to the loving study of bird life. Mrs. Jackson, the most versatile of later writers, possessed the rare combination of versatility and thoroughness in such measure that we might almost copy Hartly Coleridge'ssaying of Harriet Martineau, and call her a specialist about

everything; but her name will be associ ated with the earnest presentation of the wrongs of the Indian, as that of Emma Lazarus with the impassioned defense of the rights of the Jew. Woman in Public Life.

The manner of womer 'seatry into pub lic life has, I hold, affected mischiev-

ously their attitude toward public affairs, says a writer in the Westminster Review. It has confirmed in them a tendency already fostered by the commonly used form of speech regarding the sex, o consider themselves as superior bengs, with a general mission to reform the world and to instruct mankind at large how to behave. I should be the last to deny that women have something to teach, something to show, something to add to the sum of human wisdom, or that many of the affairs which men have sadly bungled can be settled otherwise than by the intervention of women and by the acceptance of their counsel and help. It does not follow that there is any reason for the adoption of superior airs on the part of women generally merely because they are women. The attitude is not becoming and tends to make the enemy blaspheme. The calmly dog matic tone so often assumed by those who pose as spokesmen of their sex is not a little trying to such of their fellow women as happen to possess a sense of humor or of the fitness of things.

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Strange Countess Sarolta Vay.

The retirement of the eccentric Countess Sarolta Vay to the quiet of a home at Pesth recalls the remarkable yagaries of this titled Hungarian woman, says the New York World. As a psycho-logical and physiological study she has few equals. At the age of twenty-one, brilliant, beautiful and possessed of great riches, she donned men's garb and started out on a career of unexampled tarted out on a career of unexampled leception and criminal adventure. She evoted much of her time to making love to women, and during her career married nine different girls, some of them belonging to families of distinc-tion. Prof. Kraft-Ebing, who knew her

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