

asked who he was. The friend said, "Oh, that is young Bryan, you ought to meet him." At the same time he looked out into the parlor and noticed a young woman standing in the centre of a group and he asked who she was. And there you are.

By spring they were engaged. When they were graduated they were the valedictorians in their respective classes. The winter following graduation, that most trying and disappointing period of a girl's life Mary Baird and her mother and father went to Florida and travelled about from St. Augustine and Jacksonville to Tallahassee. The next winter Mary decided she must know how to keep house and cook. So when they got home she did the work.

Mr. Bryan decided to build a house and the betrothed spent many hours discussing the plans. When the workman began on it Mr. Bryan's imagination had it finished and furnished many times before even a door was hung. He wrote to his sweetheart one day that "The cellar was dug and the back fence up and it looked quite homelike." Like Tommy Twaddle and his centre table, it was the sign of possession, and when he looked into that cellar he and his wife were living in a house whose walls were not yet reared, the furniture was beginning to look worn and he was wishing for a better house.

Young Bryan made it a rule in his courtship never to give anything to his lady that he had not purchased with money of his own earning. The first gift was a volume of Bryant's poems, bought with the prize money won at an oratorical contest. The engagement ring was the guerdon of another oration.

After they were married they decided they wanted to study. They were asked to join card clubs, but declined because they had not time.

After Ruth was born Mrs. Bryan decided to study law, not because she had the slightest idea of practicing it, but because she wanted to understand her husband when he talked about his cases and also because, when they were married, they were together and she did not want to fall behind. It was the same impulse that induced her to study in the beginning of her studious career. She began studying when the baby was eight months old. She read in the evening and when the baby took her daytime nap.

They moved to Lincoln in 1887 and Mrs. Bryan was admitted to the bar soon after.

Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Bryan and a few other ladies organized the Lincoln Sorosis which has had such a successful career. Mr. Bryan and Mr. Sawyer organized about the same time "The Round Table." The latter was supposed to include only the husbands of Sorosis women. But this was a poor rule, for it would not work both ways. Frequently the man of the house is found to be fond of discussion and argument and light on subjects like free silver and kindred topics; on the other hand some Sorosis husbands prefer cards and refreshments. It was found impossible to keep the rule and continue the Round Table, so the rule was abolished. The first meeting of Sorosis was held at Mrs. Sawyer's house. Mrs. Bryan led with a discussion on Henry George's single tax theory.

When Mr. Bryan went to congress, his wife and family went with him. They were strangers and went with delight about the beautiful old city that was as new to them as if it had been built the day before their arrival.

The youthful joy in life that Mr. and Mrs. Bryan possess is enviable and all whom they admit to their friendship are stimulated to new youthfulness by their enthusiasm. The four years that they were in Washington they spent in exploring, in study, in expeditions to the environs, they went to the theatre, they heard the different preachers, Jewish, Jesuit, Buddhist, Cul'ud. I do not believe they will ever like it so much again.

Dogs Killed By Electricity.

South Omaha has established in its pound an appliance for killing unclaimed dogs by electricity. The current is applied by means of a sponge on the head and an iron plate upon which the dogs stand. The experiment has proved successful.

NEW USE FOR BICYCLES.

Morning RIDES VITI Cure Hay Fever, Says Mr. Solomon.

Bicycle riding will positively cure hay fever, according to the statement of S. Solomon, an well known in the wheeling world, who claims to have made this remarkable discovery. Mr. Solomon is not a manufacturer of bicycles and he does not say that one make of wheels is better than another as a remedy for this annoying disease. Any bicycle that can be ridden will do, from the lowest priced machine to the high grade wheel, so Mr. Solomon says, and he appears to be in earnest about it.

"For 17 years I suffered from hay fever," he began in true patent medicine ad. fashion, speaking of his discovery, "and I can tell you 17 years is a long time. I bought enough so called cures to stock a chemist's shop, just as thousands of others have done. I joined the Hay Fever club, too, and spent a great deal of time in the mountains—the only place where even slight relief was to be found. I bought a wheel two years ago, but did very little riding until last season. I found out that the fever did not annoy me much as I rode along, but this year I find that bicycle riding has cured me completely. I usually ride about two hours a day in the early morning. Any sufferer from hay fever who will follow this plan is sure to find relief in a few days and a positive cure in a reasonable time. At least a dozen men of my acquaintance have been cured in this way."

Mr. Solomon is preparing a paper on this subject, which he will read before the Massachusetts Medical society next month.—New York World.

A Floating Roof Garden.

A floating roof garden is the latest novelty offered to the New York public. The steamboat Grand Republic is to be fitted out with a stage on the hurricane deck, and every night the audience will be carried down the bay or up the Hudson, combining a sail with a vaudeville entertainment. The boat will be illuminated and decorated after the style of land roof gardens, and dressing rooms, calcium lights, drop curtain, etc., will be provided for the performers.

MRS. LEASE SPOKE UP.

Incident of One Day in the Kansas Joan of Arc's Visit to St. Louis.

"Stop that elevator! I say, you, stop!" It was a female voice. It was at the Hudson hotel, and the elevator had just started up stairs with a great big load of freight.

The rule is that once started the elevator must not stop except to let off passengers, but that voice put terror in the youth who was running the machine, and he stopped. An instant later the well known figure of the Kansas Joan of Arc appeared at the elevator door.

"Young man," she said, "can you tell me where the porter of this hotel is?"

"I don't know, ma'am," said the elevator boy.

"Can't you know," said the Joan of Arc, "I don't know."

"I—er—er—er, ma'am, that maybe he is down stairs," said the youth.

"Oh, you think he is down stairs. Well, you'd better get down you just go and see him and tell him to come right up to the dining room and see me. I am going into the dining room now to dinner, and you tell him to come up right away and see me."

The elevator started down stairs. "Gosh!" said the youth who was running it. "They won't let the porter in the dining room. She is a corker, ain't she?" And the men on the car, who were all in a hurry to get down stairs, all admitted that she was.

Mrs. Lease was interviewed by a local reporter. She denied that she had any idea of entering the ministry, denounced the newspapers and finally said:

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