

ars. After a spirited discussion the amendment was lost, but the motion carried. The next meeting will be held on the 23d of January, when the "Miscellaneous Motions" will be considered.

The Lincoln City Improvement association met on Thursday morning in the rooms of the Union club. Representatives from the woman's club, from the matinee musicale, Athenae, Fortnightly, Sorosis, Faculty, and Hall in the Grove were present. The members of the new society for men, the Laymen's club, contributed dues, but sent no delegates. The delegates will serve one month or longer according to the wishes of their clubs. They will be expected to collect dues in their societies, and to endeavor to arouse an interest in the city improvement work. It is hoped that all the clubs will be heard from by the next meeting.

The hour Thursday was spent principally in organization. The committee appointed to ask for a stricter enforcement of the ordinance on exhortation, reported that she had seen the officers of the traction company who had agreed to do all in their power to second the work of the society. A little side discussion brought out some flattering remarks about the politeness of the men of Lincoln and the ladies testified to the invariable courtesy and kindness which they received while engaged in the duties of the society. The officers are authorized to act as a park committee to confer with the committee appointed by the city council. At the next meeting, in two weeks, the president will give a brief summary of the work accomplished by the society, for the benefit of the newer members and delegates.

While noting the encouraging signs of the times for the mixed clubs, we must not omit the Alternate Tuesday club of Kansas City which recently banqueted the husbands in a royal manner. The

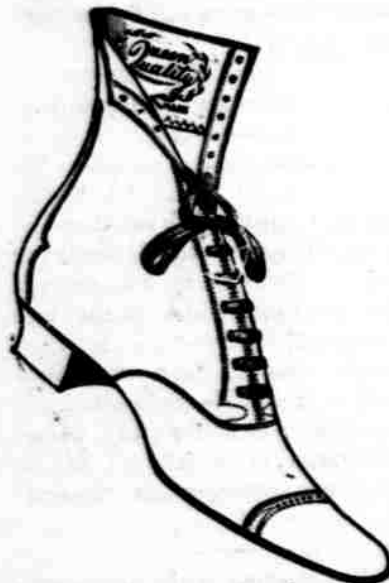
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club woman has not lost her cunning nor forgotten that the royal road to her husband's heart is through his stomach; still she is experimenting a little, and in addition to the sumptuous banquet, provided an after-program which contained many telling hits. The guests found at their places cards containing applicable sayings, which added much to the spice and enjoyment of the occasion. Some of them follow:

Tell not the secrets of the pudding.

There be some women not very good cooks who can give their own husbands a good roast on occasions.

A woman who can prepare a good meal is more to be commended than the one who writes a good essay.

A woman who makes good bread may herself be called well-bred.

A feast was made for laughter.

She brought forth butter on a lordly dish.

The waster roared it through the hall: "We don't give bread with one fish ball."

Mr. H. O. Page, in his response to "Our Hostesses," disclaimed men's superiority, but admitted that there was a time when they were equal with women.

"That, however," continued Mr. Page, "was before the days of the women's clubs—before women found out that every alternate Tuesday they can discuss and settle the most perplexing questions of the day. The time is not far distant when the Philippine problem, the Congressman Roberts case and the currency bill will be referred to the Tuesday Afternoon club and the men must accept the situation without a murmur."

The Fortnightly club met last Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. L. C. Richards. Mrs. Brooks gave an interesting talk on Gogol and his writings. Mrs. Gere and Mrs. Field were appointed a committee to meet with the City Improvement society the coming month, the same duty to be performed by a similar committee each succeeding month. This action was taken in response to a plan presented by Mrs. Taylor, president of the City Improvement society, whereby each club in the city will be invited to co-operate in a similar manner. It is thought that by this plan a larger membership and greater interest may be secured. The annual dues is only twenty-five cents, yet with a membership of six hundred women the society would have the financial strength which is an absolute necessity to its future usefulness.

At a meeting of the art department of the Lincoln Woman's club Thursday afternoon, January 25th, the members will be taken on a delightful trip through "The Galleries of Belgium and Holland."

The New York Society of the United States Daughters of 1812 tendered a complimentary luncheon to Mrs. Croly (Jennie June) in honor of her seventieth birthday the 19th of last December at Delmonico's. Mrs. Croly sat at the right of the president, Mrs. William Gerry Slade and when all were seated she was greeted with the Chatauqua salute. There were about two hundred members and guests present, and although Mrs. Croly is of English birth, on motion of Mrs. Helmuth, she was elected an honorary member of the society. At the president's table besides the guest of honor were Mrs. Charles H. Denison, Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, Mrs. A. M. Palmer, "Aunt Louisa" Eldridge, Miss Anna M. Jones, Mrs. Edward Lee Young, Mrs. Angus Cameron, of Wisconsin, Mrs. Raymond Perry and Miss Ellen Burt Ford.

A delightful afternoon's program was opened with a poem by Mrs. Fannie

Hallock Carpenter, written in honor of the occasion. The following verse illustrates its appropriateness:

With her clever pen, and her heart attune
To the melodies sweet of a soul
that is shriven,

Oh, what is so rare as a Jennie June,
Be she seventy years old or seven?

Mrs. Slade referred to Mrs. Croly as the "mother of clubs," and mentioned the many good things she had done for women. In reply Mrs. Croly said: "I find it difficult to say anything worthy of such an occasion as you have made. I wonder whether you are talking about me or some one else; but if I ever did anything to merit this I am so thankful for it now that I do not know how to put it in words. I think I was born with a love for women in my heart. If club life has done nothing else it has brought to flower a new life, a new love—the love of womankind for womankind. It is the sweetest, dearest, most unselfish love in the world."

A beautiful poem written by Alma Calder Johnston was read by Mrs. Helmuth, who preceded it with a glowing tribute to Mrs. Croly, calling her "our mother."

In the remarks of Mrs. Denison, president of Sorosis, she also alluded to Mrs. Croly as our "universal mather," and said that woman was at the beginning of all great things, and that Mrs. Croly, now rounding out her three score years and ten, was witness to the great success of her fifty years' work for club women.

Mrs. Jennie de la M. Lozier made some very happy remarks, in the course of which she said she often wondered how it was that some people never grow old. She had been seeking for the reason and the recipe, but finally she believed she had discovered the secret to be enthusiasm and enthusiastic sympathy with every topic of the day. No matter what topic Mrs. Croly is confronted with, she said, she is always familiar with it. This following up of advanced thought and always being ready to thoroughly appreciate every topic of the day has kept Mrs. Croly young. No wonder, she said, that the youngest club woman feels Mrs. Croly a companion. Only in the eyes of club women, however, will you find this true enthusiasm—this never growing old.

Other speakers were Mrs. A. M. Palmer, Mrs. Anne Maxwell Jones and "Aunt Louisa" Eldridge.

One of the prettiest features of this birthday party was the bringing in and serving of the huge birthday cake, with pink icing and lighted by seventy tiny candles. The seventy pink and white candles that had illuminated the cake were distributed among the guests of honor. Before the guests dispersed Mrs. Helmuth slipped into Mrs. Croly's hand a beautiful fan. Among the many presents were several purses filled with gold that required three figures to name the amounts.

The Courier is in receipt of a syllabus of a course of ten lectures delivered under the direction of the University Extension club of San Jose by George Elliott Howard, professor of history in Stanford university, on the "Origin of the French Revolution." It is exhaustive and outlined in a scholarly manner.

[Miss Fairbrother expresses so forcibly and clearly her objections to one item of reorganization, and I so fully agree with her, that I take the liberty of republishing this editorial from the Woman's Weekly—Ed.]:

The editor of this paper does not agree with the report of the committee or reorganization in the item relating to the meeting of the biennial. I hope that when that great body meets in June, it will not vote to put off its next meet-

ing until 1903. The meetings have come to be known as the "biennials." That they are good and large is no reason for stopping them. If they were bad and small it would be wise to have just as little of them as possible. Good should be augmented. If they are expensive and a woman can only afford to go once, so much the better; it will result in a larger number getting the benefits. So far as the officers are concerned, it will not make a particle of difference. If they are re-elected, they will go twice, whether in two years or three will not matter, as they will be re-elected but once. If they are not re-elected, it will make no difference to them whether their successors go in two years or three.

It will be hard to keep up interest for three years, and so far as a place of meeting is concerned, it will not meet in the same city but once, at least for many years, and the committee assumes a great deal when it alleges as a reason for fewer meetings that it may not receive any invitation. It always has received an invitation and the chances are at least even—as Cecil Rhodes would say about a Creator—that it always will. We have looked this question all over and not one reason, valid or otherwise, can we see for the recommendation of our committee.

On the other hand, the inspiration of the national meeting should be spread over as much territory and into as many lives as possible. Women need it, the world needs it. The only way this may be done is to meet as often as possible. Women are apt to imagine that a great deal depends on a few and the truth is that if those few have no time to attend to it, if they will appoint substitutes they may be surprised.

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One of the most notable changes of the last twenty-five years has been the advent of women into the professional world, and into divers money-making occupations. This is the natural sequence of the wide-open college doors of most of the best institutions, where young women have shown themselves as proficient as men. In music and art women have long held an honored place, but thirty years ago women were not given any encouragement to bother with the sciences—philosophy, mathematics or the classic studies. When she timidly attempted an entrance into the money-making fields, she was advised to attend to her knitting, her cooking and her children. The higher institutions of learning are responsible for woman's emancipation. Her advent into these colleges has made it necessary for thousands of young men to devote less time to athletics and more to study. What more natural than that graduates from these institutions should seek profitable employment in the profession for which the course has prepared them? Thus it is that women are working all over the land who have won by hard study the right to attach to their names M. D., D. D., LL. D., Ph. D., etcetera. While these changes have been going on in the higher ranks of scholarship, another large class of women have won for themselves honorable distinction in business. They largely predominate in dry goods stores, make expert bookkeepers, cashiers, mailing clerks and accountants. Thus year by year the sphere of woman is widening. None know better than women themselves that there are some occupations unsuited to her, and we shall find it safe to leave it to women to decide what these are. It may as well be accepted at once, without so much grumbling and silly talk about crowding out the men that woman has come into