

## CLUBS.

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Architecture is becoming a recognized profession for women in Austria. Fraulein Eraka Paulas has just received a commission for the erection at Bistritz of a residence for the official Forest Commissioners. Previous to this she has been entrusted with other important Government commissions. At first she met with much opposition, but passed a mason's examination at Klausenberg and afterward gained an architect's diploma at Budapest. The following article from the Chicago Evening Post throws some light upon architecture as a profession for American women:

Mrs. Burton Harrison very truly says in her article on "Society Women in Business" that architecture offers a great field for them. The real problem of that profession man never has successfully solved. As it is not his business to keep a house in order, he cannot know how it should be arranged. With him closets are merely necessary evils, whereas a woman realizes that the closets should be outlined on the plans first, and the space that is left cut up into the number of rooms desired. In truth, Mrs. Harrison's comment on the subject of closets leads to the supposition that she has heard of the Chicago woman who insisted upon planning her own house.

"That is a fine large dining room you have," said the architect who was engaged to attend to the details and superintend the construction.

"Dining room?" exclaimed the woman scornfully. "It's mighty little you know about a model home. That's the china closet."

"Don't you think," suggested the architect after he had recovered from the shock, "that it would be well to have an alcove in this big bedroom on the second floor?"

"That's the linen closet," returned the woman.

"But there are two windows in it," protested the architect,

"It is of utmost importance that a linen closet should be well ventilated," assured the woman.

The architect went over the plans carefully before making any further comment.

"Ah, now I understand," he said at last. "Here is your room on the third floor."

"That's the storeroom," she answered. "I have only attended to the most important details on each floor. You can put the other rooms wherever they will fit in."

At a meeting of the Worcester Woman's club held December 12th, the following resolutions were adopted and ordered to be sent to the Board of Directors of the General Federation of Women's clubs:

"Whereas, the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's clubs at its meeting in Milwaukee in June, 1900, refused to admit to membership the Woman's Era club of Boston without giving a satisfactory reason for its action; Resolved, that we, the Wor-

cester Woman's club of Massachusetts, regard this action as a direct violation of the constitution of the General Federation of Women's clubs and consider in this action the board of directors has taken an unwarrantable liberty. As the Worcester Woman's club is a constituent part of the General Federation, it is, thereby, responsible for the action of its servant, the board of directors of the General Federation, we therefore, hereby express our emphatic disapproval of the action of this board and request a satisfactory explanation of its course of action or a reversal of its decision."

A little girl of the doll worshipping age received from Santa Claus on his recent visit a perfect wonder in the shape of a doll, even considering all the remarkable dolls that one sees everywhere now. The day after Christmas the little miss took her dolly out to be seen by such of her playmates as had not called to pay their respects to it. One companion in particular, whose judgment on the doll question stands very high among her friends, had not seen it, and it was to her that she wanted most to show it. So her mother helped her to decide which street gown looked the most stunning for the doll and then let her go out in search of compliments—knowing how like bliss these are to the mother instinct that is in every little girl even before she can walk or talk. But the doll and the girl were not gone long. They returned locking rather out of joint, perhaps, but still composed. "What's the matter," said the mother of the doll's owner, "couldn't you find Agnes?" "Yes, I saw her," replied the little girl "but she had a baby brother come last night, and she's so proud of it she couldn't think of anything else. She didn't notice my doll, so I didn't say anything about it. Just told her that I thought the baby was lovely—the nurse let me peek at him—and came home. She'll get tired of him after a few days, when she hears him cry much, and then she'll be glad enough to see my doll." Later the father and mother of the little girl talked it over. The father prophesied all kinds of wonderful things bound to come to one with such tact, but the mother expressed the keenest appreciation of the quality of the tact displayed by saying that "when that child comes to a clubable age she will be fitted to be the president of a federation of ten thousand clubs, and never give offence to one member of one of the clubs, either by the things she does or by the things she leaves undone." And the father allowed that it might be so.—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Henry Solomon, president of the Chicago Branch of Jewish women, is issuing invitations for the annual executive meeting of the National Council, which occurs in New Orleans during Mardi Gras week. Fifty sections of the council from large and small towns will send delegates.

The committee appointed to appear before congress to apply for the granting of a charter for the General Federation is as follows: Mesdames Lockwood, chairman; Fairbanks of Indiana, Blount, Trautman of New York, and McNeal of Denver.

During the World's Fair that will take place in St. Louis in 1903, there will occur an extensive celebration of the Louisiana Purchase. The fifth biennial of Women's clubs adopted a resolution, making the Missouri Federation practically responsible for the woman's department in this celebration. In consequence, Mrs. Edwin Harrison, president of the Missouri Federation, called a conference that was held in

Kansas City, Thursday and Friday of this week. Those bidden to the conference were officers and directors of the Missouri Federation, St. Louis representatives of the World's Fair Commission and the presidents of the following federations of states included in the old territorial bounds: Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Louisiana, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Wyoming and Montana.

Among the clubs united with the Maine Federation and members of the General Federation, is one composed entirely of young Indian women, inhabitants of a small island off the coast of Maine. The purpose of this organization is the preservation of Indian traditions and folk-lore. It became a member of the Maine Federation soon after its formation and this year paid its dues in Indian baskets, the work of its members. The receipts from the baskets were considerably in excess of the dues and the surplus was immediately returned to the club. Some of the work of the club was shown at the exhibit of Arts and Crafts committee in Milwaukee last June.

Mrs. Charles Dennison, acting president of the General Federation, will represent the national organization and offer greetings at the conference of New England club women to be held in Boston in April.

At a recent meeting of representative club women of or near St. Louis, resolutions were passed, objecting to a woman's department in the plans of a celebration of the Louisiana Purchase to be commemorated during the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1903. The opinion of St. Louis club women is that such a classification as a "Woman's Department" would be unjust to woman in that it would confound her sex with her work and that such method is exhibiting woman's work would make it a nineteenth rather than a twentieth century fair. With reason they maintain that women are now the equals of men in some branches and that consequently the work of both sexes should be exhibited side by side. The whole therefore to be an example of the industry of the humanity of 1903 and not of the work of men as contrasted with that of women.

Queen Wilhelmina's joy knew no bounds not long since when the Kaiser Wilhelm appointed her Colonel of the Fifteenth Prussian Hussars, though it is not her first command. To be the honorary colonel of a regiment of soldiers is one of the great hobbies of a royal princess. The women colonels only number about sixteen, and these appointments are confined to Germany and Russia. There are only two women in the world who enjoy the rank of admiral. The Empress Dowager of Russia is chief of the first establishment of the Russian navy, besides being colonel of four regiments, and the Queen of Greece gets much satisfaction and a fair amount of glory from being chief of the second establishment of the navy. Czar Alexander III. was always extremely fond of his young relative, and knowing her passion for the sea gave her ships instead of troops.—Chicago Times-Herald.

The number of women's clubs that offer some special courtesy to men each year is increasing. In Lincoln several clubs have banquets and others receptions in honor of the men. This custom doubtless prevails throughout the state. A year ago New York Sorosis made a gentleman's day of its January

meeting, which occurred at that time on New Year's day. The innovation proved so successful that the constitution of the club has been altered to allow the social meeting of this month to fall permanently on the first day of the year in order that the men may participate. This year New York Sorosis celebrated the New Year with a luncheon followed by a literary program in the ball room of the Waldorf-Astoria to which fathers, husbands, sons and brothers were bidden. Mrs. Dennison, president of Sorosis and vice president of the General Federation of Women's clubs, welcomed the guests. The day was in charge of the committee on House and Home. Mrs. Riley Smith, chairman, read the opening paper "Some Chords and Discords in Our New Century Life." She emphasized the great influence of the home, quoting Sidney Lamer's exclamation: "Good heavens! how I wish the whole world had a home!" Her idea of the purpose of the higher education for women is in accordance with that of Helen Moody, "the higher education of women should aim to prove not that a woman can do a man's work as well as a man, but it should aim to fit her to do a woman's work as well as a woman can do it." She closed her remarks with a plea for good manners. "Would that some beautiful contagion of good manners might sweep our land, and every one who had not already had them should take it." Other subjects were: "The Home," "Prophecy or Fantasy—the Religion of the Future," "Wanted—A Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Speech," "The Hope of the Century—Our Girls and Boys," and "The Decline of Courtesy" by Mrs. Grace Gallatin Seton-Thompson, a guest of the club. Mrs. Thompson gave to the definition a double meaning—"courtliness of manners and civility springing from kindly feeling." She proved with convincing illustration, how if the "courtly servility of earlier days" has declined so have "brutalities." That though the demureness of the Puritan maiden and the courtesy of Puritan manhood has more or less disappeared, the general level of civility has greatly advanced. Deference, she said was on the decline and for this parents, co-education and higher education are largely responsible.

Among the many useful suggestions that originated at the Albany meeting of New York Federated clubs was that of a traveling club. Mr. J. P. Cannon, who conducted the Federation Special to the Denver Biennial was requested to come to Albany and give as much information as possible as to desirable trips and their cost. As a result a Mexican trip of three weeks which may be extended to four has been planned.

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