

MRS. FOR ALL WOMEN.

DISABILITY FROM WHICH SEX CAN EMANCIPATE ITSELF.

Matrimonial Effect Would Be Good—Amelia E. Barr Says There Is Only One Objection to the Reform—Is Not a Dimout Reform.



UCH has been written on the political and public wrongs of women, but they have a private, personal disability of great significance, from which they can emancipate themselves promptly and perpetually without the aid or interference of men, either as individuals or as legislative bodies, writes Amelia E. Barr in New York Journal.

For many years I have been a silent witness to the injury and injustice of the prefix "Miss" when attached to women of mature age and judgment.

As soon as a boy casts off his knickerbockers and short coats—as soon as the first signs of manhood appear—he discards the prefix of "master" and assumes the prefix appointed for maturity.

Nothing would insult a young man of 16 more than to call him by the immature title of "Master" instead of "Mr."



AMELIA E. BARR.

Does not trouble itself about the reasons for them. Thus thousands of noble women, smarting under this sense of some intangible shame, marry unsuitably and unhappily merely to get rid of the belittling "Miss."

Such a belated relic of the dark ages ought now to be forever relegated to its proper place. Girls may be "Miss" as long as boys are "Master," but after a certain age, which women can determine by a consensus of opinion, girls should assume the prefix of maturity, whether they are married or unmarried.

This is not a difficult reform. The only point that could be urged against it would be that the universal assumption of "Mrs." by women out of their teens would make social confusion.

Matrimonially, the effect would be good. A pretty woman introduced as Mrs. Blank would pique an admirer into guessing or finding out whether she was maid, wife or widow.

Miss Oletimer—"Kissing is very unhealthy." Miss Pert—"Your health is perfect, isn't it, dear?"—New York World.

slight; if he did trouble himself so far, she might trouble herself to increase the interest if she so wished it. But this or that, the question rests on the right or wrong of the title.

I contend that it is right that women on arriving at the age of maturity—whether married or not married—should have the title of maturity.

If this wrong is to be put right, women all over the Christian world must speak for it, and if the American women go to the van other women will follow them.

Swift as thought the water level changes if a single drop is removed, and the removal of that drop affects the whole mass.

CAVE FOUND NEAR RED BUD.

Contains a River and a Deep Lake of Great Size. Preparations are being made to explore a cave which was recently found by some hunters, who accidentally discovered it while chasing a wounded wildcat.

The cave is situated in the region known as the "sinkholes," eight miles west of Red Bud, Ill., says an exchange. The entrance is about seven feet in diameter, but after entering the size varies, it being from twenty to twenty-five feet to the ceiling in some places.

Recently an exploring party had a small boat made and attempted to cross this lake, but after going nearly a half-mile from shore decided to return.

Church and State. It is for Christians in America to give to the world an example and a proof that we can live in peace and amity as brethren in Christ and children of one father.

The Old Story. Police Magistrate—I would not like to think, prisoner, that you attempted suicide. Yet witnesses testify they saw you on the pier a minute before the accident.

Dolly Ate a Pint of Soap. Dolly Sommers, aged 17, eloped with Harry Williams, of Aurora, Ind., but Mrs. Sommers caught them and took Dolly home.

The Smoker and the Non-Smoker. From the Philadelphia Bulletin: The young man who modestly smokes his cigar in the place allotted him is, in seven cases out of ten, the very chap that rises with alacrity to give his seat to the censorious and ungrateful prude who flies to the papers with forcible feeble plaint and platitudes against smoking.

Seat Attachment for Hammocks. This is an invention by which a seat attachment frame gives to the hammock the shape of a chair, the seat running longitudinally with the hammock and being adjustable.

WORLD'S LARGEST FLAG

It Will Consume 700 Yards of Bunting and Will Have a 150-Foot Pole.

Captain George C. Beckley of the Wilder Steamship Company, Honolulu, who arrived here recently to take back the new steamer Helene, lately launched here, is having the largest flag made of which shipping men have ever heard of.

The money will be used in the purchase of the largest Hawaiian flag ever seen in Hawaii. It will be larger than the great flag of the American league, and will fly from the foremast of the Helene from San Francisco to Honolulu.

It will be the biggest flag of which I ever heard," said Captain Beckley yesterday. "There isn't another one like it in the world."—San Francisco Call.

WRITES OF JOURNALISM.

The Inventive Small Boy Holds Forth on Newspaper Work.

A bright little boy who attends one of the city public schools was told by his teacher a few days ago to write an essay on "Journalism," says the Atlanta Constitution, and the next day he handed in the following: "Journalism is the science of all sorts of journals. There is a heap of kinds of journals. Journals is a good thing 'cept when they is hot journals and then they is just awful. My ma, she takes a fashion journal what is always full of pictures of horrid old maids with the ugliest dresses on I ever saw.

"There is sheep journals and hog journals and brass journals, too, and pa has got a journal downtown at the store and writes things in it about folks he don't want to forget. Then we had a woman 't cooked for us named Sally Journal. She was the funniest journal I ever saw. She was a bald-headed journal.

"P. S.—I forgot to say that a man what puts grease on the car wheels is called a journalist."

How the Chinese Do Things.

Everything relating to the Orient is of interest. The Chinese do everything backward. They exactly reverse the usual order of civilization.

The men wear skirts and the women trousers. The men carry on dress-making and the women carry burdens.

The Chinese launch their vessels sideways and mount their horses from the off side.

The Chinese shake their own hands instead of the hands of those they greet.

The Chinese dress in white at funerals, and in mourning at weddings, while old women always serve as bridesmaids.

The Chinese begin dinner with dessert, and end with soup and fish.

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POST-MORTEM ACTS.

SOME REMARKABLE INCIDENTS RELATED BY HISTORY.

Thief's Headless Body Cut Up Capers—Some of the Marvels That Have Been Preserved to Us by the Ancient Chronicles.



HE remarkable experiment made upon the head of the decapitated Abbe Bruneau in France is by no means without precedent, says the Philadelphia Times. It is impossible to read much in history without coming across curious stories of apparent sensation and thought after execution.

The curious in such matters will find that historians relate a remarkable instance of speech after execution which recalls the story of the head of the poet musician, Orpheus, which was said to have still murmured the name of his beloved Eurydice after it was thrown into the waters of Hebrus.

Bartone has given a glowing description of the death scene, drawn from contemporary accounts, the center of the market place covered with crimson velvet, the king in a distant tower to see the execution of his will, and the crowd of curious and pitying lookers-on.

One of the most remarkable records in all history of action after execution is contained in the police archives of the Austrian capital. This is the case of the bandit Schauburg, who, with four companions, was condemned to death in 1680 for sundry adventures rivaling those of Fra Diavolo.

In the present century an interesting case of apparent sensation and intelligence after execution has been recorded by M. Pettigaud as having occurred at Saigon, in Annam, where he witnessed the execution of several pirates.

The culprits were made to kneel on the sand before the executioner, who, with one expert blow, separated the heads from the bodies. The head of the chief fell almost at the feet of M. Pettigaud, the severed neck resting squarely upon the sand, thus arresting the flow of blood from the arteries.

Reds and browns are the most pleasing colors, but these may be shaded to light fawn color, or terra cotta or warm yellow if necessary. Paneled ceiling and hardwood floor, the latter covered with rich oriental rugs, if means permit. Of course these are not essential, some of the most delightful libraries have merely papered ceilings and floors covered with cheaper carpets or dark matings.

tion, and the head rolled over on the sand with every appearance of death. From fifteen to twenty seconds had elapsed during these observations.

It was possibly this story which induced De Laborde of Paris to make certain experiments upon the severed head of a murderer more than an hour after execution. In this case blood was injected into the arteries an dby means of an opening in the skull it could be seen to circulate.

THE LIBRARY AND ITS ATMOSPHERE.

There may be one or two countries where the percentage of illiteracy is lower than in the United States, but there is no country more deserving to be called a nation of readers than this.

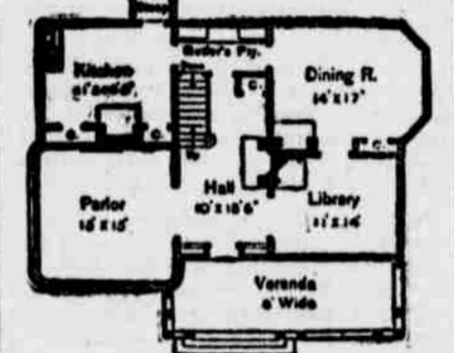


PERSPECTIVE VIEW.

America the laborer, the artisan and the farmer are ardent readers of the daily newspapers, and often of class publications, even if they do not venture into the field of general literature.

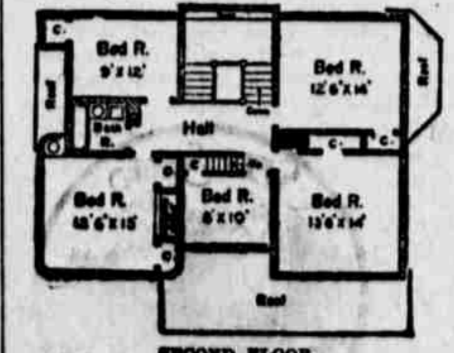
The arrangement and sizes of the rooms are shown by the floor plans, the width of the house being 44 feet 4 inches, and depth, including verandah, 25 feet 2 inches.

FIRST FLOOR.



memory that when a house contained two rooms on the first floor in addition to the dining room, one was called "front parlor" and the other "back parlor," or more euphonious, a parlor and reception room.

It is meet and fitting that the library should be a general sitting room and the place where the best of the house life centers. Most plans that are drawn now, give the library one of the choicest locations in the house, and full advantage is taken of this fact.



SECOND FLOOR.

suggests. If through any oversight the room is dark and gloomy, light colors must perforce be chosen, but under ordinary circumstances a rich, warm tone is far preferable, especially as it is the only one that can be in harmony with the books that are to play such an important part in the furnishing.

planned from the beginning the problem of fitting the library is comparatively simple. Instead of movable bookcases, which are always cumbersome, low shelves should be arranged around the walls as permanent fixtures or they may be carried up to the ceiling to fill odd corners.

The central feature of the room should be an elegant library table for books and magazines, a desk made for writing and not for mere display, one or two straight-backed chairs, several easy chairs, and a comfortable lounge.

The attached plan shows that the architect has provided a most attractive library, finished in cherry, with flooring of maple, the whole room lending itself to the most artistic furnishing, and that without a great outlay of money.

Elizabeth Greatorex Dead. First Woman of America to Win International Honors in Art. Mrs. Elizabeth Greatorex, who died a few weeks ago in Paris, was the first of the women artists in America to win international recognition.

A Race of Sun-Worshippers. Two Danish officers, Messrs. Oloufson and Philipson, have just arrived at St. Petersburg, on their return from a journey of exploration to the Pamir country, where they reached places hitherto untroubled by Europeans.

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