

IS SORRY FOR IT ALL.

PHOEBE COUSINS SAYS WOMAN NEEDS NO "RIGHTS."

Their Place is at Home—"Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me For of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven"—Dying at St. Louis.



(St. Louis Lettetr.) HOEBE COUSINS, the first woman lawyer of America, the first woman to become a United States marshal, and for many years known over the length and breadth of the country as an ardent, uncompromising public advocate of woman's rights, is now seriously ill in this city.

When it was known that Phoebe Cousins had entered the law department of the Washington University there was no surprise. St. Louis had become fully acquainted with her bent. Her friends knew that her years of reigning bellehood had been from her point of view most unprofitable, and that from them she had derived but moderate pleasure.



MISS PHOEBE COUSINS.

she was entertained by prominent families and lectured before various audiences on the cause she had espoused. She became a protegee of Susan B. Anthony, and the little circle of agitators hoped much from this promising addition to their number.

sations on "advancement" and the "elevation of humanity." Affection is a tender plant, and cannot withstand the frosts of indifference. It was but natural that this distinguished trio, severally and collectively, relinquished its suit.

Then came bluff, ruddy Senator Fair, with his millions and his quaint idioms. He sauntered into a meeting of women suffragists while the young woman from Missouri was speaking.

Miss Cousins continued lecturing in behalf of her sex, winning fame if not dollars. When the receipts from her lectures were not equal to her needs, there was always a reserve fund to draw upon at the later family home.

When J. D. Cousins became United States marshal he appointed his daughter deputy. She returned to St. Louis and assumed her duties in her father's office.



COL. J. D. COUSINS.

ties. When her term ended she made a vigorous attempt to secure reappointment, but failed. One wintry morning during her brief stay in the Mormon capital Miss Cousins told me her story.

"You were right, Judge," she said. "The last time I listened to a Sunday school exercise I learned that the pupils were repeating the golden text 'Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

Character from Hand Clasp. The latest fad of fashionable people is telling the character by clasped hands.

A "bicycle wedding" was recently witnessed in London. The bridal couple rode on a tandem to the church, and they were followed by the guests, twenty-four of them on twelve tandems, and sixteen on single bicycles.

THEATRICAL TOPICS.

SAYINGS AND DOINGS OF THE PLAYERFOLK.

The Actors' Society of America is becoming a Strong Factor—Isabelle Evesson and Her Popularity—A Shapely Burlesquer—Stage Whispers.



THE Actors' Society of America is less than 18 months old, yet it numbers 1,500 members. Not a man or woman can enter it who has not had at least three years' experience upon the legitimate stage, nor can a man or woman remain in it after proof of dishonesty or immorality has been irrefutably shown.

Some Amusing Incidents. Awkward contretemps on the stage are more amusing to the audience than to the actors. Some time since, when "As You Like It" was being performed, Rosalind had just exclaimed, "Look, here comes a lover of mine," when in walked a Tom cat attached to the establishment.

In an English theater not long ago a fine dramatic effect was ruined by

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the inopportune appearance on the stage of a hard-looking Irish woman, who calmly walked in from the wings and presented a bill for washing to the leading lady.

Joseph Jefferson tells how, on one occasion during the last act of "Metamora," two "Indians" who were preparing a sacrificial pile accidentally set fire to a sponge saturated with spirits.

Fred Bryton's Experience. Frederick Bryton tells of a curious experience on the road while starring in "Forgiven." He was in a California town of perhaps 1,000 inhabitants.

Miss Isabelle Evesson. A theatrical character whose experience both on and off the boards has been decidedly varied and picturesque is Isabelle Evesson.

Stage Whispers. "Admiral Guinea," a melodrama by Robert Louis Stevenson and William Ernest Henley, is to be one of the first plays produced in London next fall.

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personal charms. She has tasted of the tragic in her real life and enjoyed the sweets that come to a professional beauty and a popular actress. Miss Evesson has not been prominently before the theater going public for some time past.

Mansfield on Mansfield.

In an interview with a writer for Leslie's Weekly, Richard Mansfield says about himself: "Autocrat? Yes; they call me an autocrat simply because I have enforced respect for myself. A theatrical star must be as strict in enforcing discipline as the colonel of a regiment.

"Tess of the D'Urbervilles." Mrs. Mitnie Madden Fiske has been waiting for some time for just the right play in which to make her reappearance before the New York public. She has tried two or three that did not seem to be just exactly what she wanted, but at last she seems to have found it in "Tess of the D'Urbervilles."

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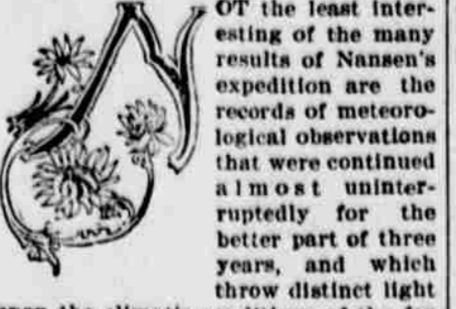
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A MAN CAN ENDURE.

LIVES WITHOUT MUCH DIFFICULTY IN THE EXTREMES.

One Result of Nansen's Expedition—The Records of Meteorological Observations Are Very Valuable in Several Ways.



NOT the least interesting of the many results of Nansen's expedition are the records of meteorological observations that were continued almost uninterruptedly for the better part of three years, and which throw distinct light upon the climatic conditions of the far north.

DON'T DO IT.

Avoid Discussing Irritating Subjects at the Dinner Table.

Why is it that in most households the dinner table become a dumping ground for the wholesale complaints of its members? Probably because this is the only meal of the day when the entire family meet together, and each one feels it a duty to air a few personal grievances in order to seek consolation from the others, says the Boston Herald.

That man should be able to endure, one might say almost with impunity, such excessive severity of climate is not a little remarkable, and it is more surprising when it is considered in connection with his endurance of the opposite extreme, that is, the highest summer temperature. We have as yet, perhaps, no absolutely reliable data for the highest sun temperature on the earth's surface, but it may safely be assumed to be in the neighborhood of or even beyond 150 degrees.

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SCHEMED TO GET WIVES.

How Early Settlers in Oregon Induced Women to Go to Their State.

"There are plenty of women in Oregon now," observed a prominent Oregon politician, who is in Washington to see that the state is not forgotten in the matter of patronage, "but it is within the memory of many of us when women were scarce there. We gave it out that we wanted them for school teachers and the like, and encouraged them to come out there, but the truth was the men wanted them for wives. I remember once we sent a young man to Massachusetts, where he was well acquainted, with orders to collect one hundred young women and escort them back to Oregon. We guaranteed every one of them one year's employment. The active man in the matter was a fine looking young man, who afterwards served two terms in congress from our state. He spent two months in selecting the party and started west with them. On the trip out he courted one of the school teachers on his own hook, and actually got her consent to a marriage on the arrival of the train at Portland. The boys howled considerably about it, claiming that he had treated them unfairly in having first choice, but there was a lot of fine, marriageable material left. Some of these women are today the leading ladies of the society of the state. More than three-fourths of the hundred were married inside of three years, and many in less than one year. A few of the lot, however, are teaching school here today, not that they did not have any offers, but because they would not accept any of the fellows who offered themselves. Now that Senator Mitchell has about given up his contest to return as senator, he will likely be succeeded by a gentleman who married one of the party of school teachers to which I refer. He will bring his wife here with him, and your Washington folks can see for themselves the kind of ladies we had out there for school teachers. They can't be surpassed, even if equalled anywhere. I may be an interested person, though, for it happens that my wife was one of the party."

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Out of deference to digestion, if for no other reason, dinner table conversation should be of the spiciest, but this fact is lost sight of in the general desire of everybody, from papa down to the youngsters, to serve up only those topics which have marred rather than made the day's happiness. Hardly has the man of the house finished his carving duties before he falls into an animated financial discussion with his wife. Household expenses are rehearsed, bills grumbled over, and the cost of living recalculated with tedious regularity. Mother in her turn eagerly pours into any listening ear her domestic woes. The day's errors below stairs are minutely recorded. She sighs over Bridget's butter waste, declares that the butcher's indifference to her order is becoming intolerable, and so on. Then the small boy (poor little target for family flay-picking) comes in for his share of criticism. His failures at school are relentlessly raked up and all sorts of punishments threatened unless there is speedy reform. If there are guests present this talk of the inner circle is, for courtesy's sake, given a less personal flavor, but only then. "Good cheer and plenty of it" is not the motto of the average family dinner.

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