IS SORRY FOR IT ALL.

PEOEBE COUSINS SAYS WO-MAN 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 bredth of the country as an ardent, uncompromising public

of woman's rights, is now seriously ill in this city. Disease has laid low the woman whose stalwart will carried her through a successful career in the face of opposition and obstacles of every sort. Few careers have been more romantic. A beautiful girl, she was besieged with admirers, and might have made many brilliant marriages. At one time a vice president of the United States and two United States senators sought her hand. But she disdained all offers. She had her mission to fulfill, and inexorably pursued it until misfortune and illness finally showed her the fallacy of her course. For Phoebe Cousins now believes that she has been mistaken all her life, and that the true aim of womanhood is not civil equality with man, but home and motherhood. Her parents were originally from the East. Her father, who was among the most prominent Unionists of St. Louis, received the appointment of chief of police and provest marshal of the city during the war. Her mother was the head of the St. Louis branch of the sanitary commission, and had charge of the city hospitals. As a girl Phoebe Cousins was as brilliant as she was beautiful. She very early showed her disinclination, or rather her contempt, for social life. For several years she was the belle of St. Louis. But none of her admirers could make headway with her. It was her favorite theme that women had a higher mission in

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. Her beauty had won many admirers and suitors quite as many, but so plainly did she show her preference for men of years and wisdom that one by one they left her side. Miss Phoebe did not appear to even notice their desertion. She was in the zenith of her beauty then, tall, slender, supple, with delicate patrician features, brilliant black eyes and raven hair. Her complexion was olive, with a rich shifting crimson in her cheeks. Then, as until extreme adversity overtook her, she was noted for the tasteful elegance of her dress. She lacked something of the softness of manner of most Southern women. More in evidence was a certain self-assertiveness. tempered by good breeding.

life than marriage.

She secured entrance into the law department with some difficulty, was graduated from it with honor, and then began the career which, so far as human insight goes, is nearly at an end. She made a few strong woman suffrage speeches-one at a Presbyterian Sunday school convention in Jefferson city, where she startled her staid audience by asserting that "Paul's words to women amounted to nothing. for Paul was simply a crusty old bachelor, with no authority to lay commands upon womankind," and another at the banquet of the Mercantile Library Association, where she was toasted as "our own Phoebe Cousins."

Then she spread her ambitious wings and flew away to Washington. There



MISS PHOEBE COUSINS.

she was entertained by prominent families and lectured before various audiences on the cause she had espoused. She became a protege of Susan B. Anthony, and the little circle of agitators hoped much from this promising addition to their number. Young, handsome, talented, she would reach the ears of many who cared not to listen to the equally earnest but less favored. She was as logical as gny of them; she wrote gracefully and forcibly, and if her manner on the platform was a little forced, that would wear away in time. Men high in the councils of the nation were curious about the brilliant young woman from St. Louis, and then became her slaves. During one winter Vice President Wilson was a frequent caller. So also were a senator and con-

gressman. "Phoebe," her hostess often said, "do decide which of these gentlemen you prefer, and let him have a hint of your lous to be bagged." But Phoebe never notes with long, argumentative conver- dems, and sixteen on single bicycles. ary consideration in comparison to her

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. He noted her bright eyes and brilliant complexion, her trim, slender figure and handsome gown, and before he retired that night wrote a check bearing her name. The next morning it was brought to her while she was sipping her coffee. It was for \$50. There was no word of explanation. She enclosed it in a note, thanking him for his kindness, but saying she did not think it proper to accept it. It came back by return post. 'Don't be foolish," he wrote. "Keep the money and get a new spring bonnet with it."

Miss Cousins continued lecturing in behalf of her sex, winning fame if not before a trial court of the organization. dollars. When the receipts from her lectures were not equal to her needs there was always a reserve fund to sanitary surroundings. If a manager draw upon at the later family home deliberately defrauds an actor of monin Washington, and she drew upon it without stint, for the luxurious tastes developed by the circumstances of her early life were never lost.

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. Hers were chiefly clerical duties, but they enabled her to gain an insight into the requirements of the official life of her chief, and when her father died she was appointed to fill the vacancy during the unexpired term. She did this satisfactorily, although she limited her efforts to office supervision of the labors of the depu



COL. J. D. COUSINS.

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

"I was engaged to Senator Fair," she said, "and I loved him. He came to me in Chicago and asked me to be his wife. We were to have been married there soon. He was summoned to Cal ifornia on business, and left promising to return for me soon. I never heard from him again, and here is the notice of his death."

"It's all a mistake," wrote Miss Cousins, from California, to a St. Louis friend. "Don't, dear friend, try to reform the world. It doesn't want to be reformed. Live quietly and happily ir your home. It was so decreed for women. I believe they should all be pensioned, and that bachelors should be taxed to provide their pension."

"Do you remember where we met Mis Phoebe?" asked one of the visitors to her bedside the other day. It was the venerable Judge Seymour D Thompson. stage of a hard-looking Irish woman, joined Sackett's Stock Company, a who calmly walked in from the wings Denver, Col. In 1892 she joined "The

"No. Judge," said Miss Cousins, as she lifted her hand above the coverlet who calmly walked in from the wings "It was on a train en route to Chicago from St. Louis. You were talking leading lady. of the mission of woman. I had the temerity to say, 'The mission of woman is motherhood.' You disdained to reply ra," two "Indians" who were preparing John Holladay's Extravaganza Co., and except by a scornful flash of your a sacrifical pile accidently set fire to a as Terry and Elmer have also played bright eyes, which awed and silenced sponge saturated with spirits. "Put it vaudeville dates in the principal houses,

"You were right, Judge," she said went down on their knees and blew "The last time I listened to a Sunday the fire, with the result that they school exercise I learned that. The pupils were repeating the golden text at every puff. One Indian with great Suffer little children to come unto me dignity bade them desist, and jumped for of such is the kingdom of heaven.' on the flaming sponge. The result was I knew then that this philosophy of that a fountain of burning alcohol yours was right and that mine was spurted up his leather legs. He danced wrong, for I realized that no little chilloff the stage very unceremoniously, and dren could ever come unto me, and I the curtain was lowered. am not ashamed to say that I wept a the thought."

Character from Hand Clasps. The latest fad of fashionable people in "Forgiven." He was in a California

is telling the character by clasped town of perhaps 1,000 inhabitants. hands. A clasped hands character spe- "It was past 8 o'clock," said he, "and, cialist says that this means of reading although the members of the orchestra character is easier and more correct were on hand, they made no effort to than all other ways.

"A woman," he says, "who is friv- swore, and, finally, not seeing the leadolous will clasp her hands together er in his place, sent for the violinist, with the first finger of the right hand who asked, with great unconcern, what between the thumb and first finger the trouble was. of the left, but the first finger of the ""Trouble!" said my manager, 'why right hand lies between the second and don't you strike up? Where's our orthird on the left when constancy pre- chestra leader?" "'He's gettin' shaved,' replied the vails. Those people who place two fingers of one hand between the thumb musician. and fingers of the other are deceitful, "'Well, why don't you play just the same? It's nearly 8:30. Where's the and not to be trusted."

It is said that in a married couple local manager?" the one who in clasping hands and interlacing fingers brings the right thumb nearest the body, with the right fingers correspondingly placed in relation to the left fingers, will be the rience both on and off the boards has dominant member of that couple.been decidedly varied and picturesque is Isabelle Evesson. She was once con-

A "bicycle wedding" was recently en in Stageland. She has appeared witnessed in London. The bridal cou- under the management of Mr. Frohpreference. All of this game is anx- ple rode on a tandem to the church. and they were followed by the guests, enjoyed more or less vogue; her dradecided. Instead she bored the mag- twenty-four of them on twelve tan matic ability always being of second-

SAYINGS AND DOINGS OF THE PLAYERFOLK.

The Actors' Society of America Is Hecoming a Strong Factor - Isabelle Evesson and Her Popularity-A Shapely Burlesquer Stage Whispers.



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 Among the chief objects are protection against irresponsible managers and uneys due on contract, that fact, with the circumstances, is communicated to every member for his or her protection. If complaint is forwarded from any city or town in the United States that unsanitary conditions prevail in any theater, the attention of the local board of health is at once directed to the matter, and an abatement of the nulsance or danger has thus far followed in every

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 waltzed a Tom cat attached to the establishment. Thomas had to be bundled out by Orlando.

In an English theater not long ago

MISS FRANCES DRAKE.

Miss Frances Drake, a pretty and graceful comedienne, recently appeared

at Keith's, in Boston, in her dainty French monologue, "Le Petit Abbe,"

the inopportune appearance on the ular productions, and in 1891 again

and presented a bill for washing to the Seven Daughters of Satan" spectacle

out," bawled Forrest. 'The two Indians | appearing at Koster & Bial's. Tony Pas-

and achieved considerable success with it.

Joseph Jefferson tells how, on one oc-

casion during the last act of "Metamo-

singed each other's hair and eyebrows

Fred Bryton's Experience.

experience on the road while starring

strike up. My manager fumed and

" 'He's doin' the shavin'."

Miss Isabelle Evesson

A theatrical character whose expe

sidered among the most beautiful wom-

man and Mr. Palmer in plays that have

Frederick Bryton tells of a curious

THEATRICAL TOPICS, personal charms. She has tasted of A MAN CAN ENDURE. 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; HE Actors' Society 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. When I first entered the profession the behavior of the stage hands and others behind the scenes was dreadful. They used to talk loudly, and that always disturbs the actor. They used to expectorate all over the stage, and the women coming from the dressing-rooms had to drag their gowns through oceans of filth. I protested energetically, with good results. There is now a marked change in every theater I visit. It has made me cordially detested, but my actors and myself feel more comfortable."

"Tess of the D'Urbervilles."

Mrs. Minnie Maddern 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 no seem to be just exactly what she wanted, but at last she seems to have found it in "Tess of the D'Urbervilles." It is sometimes said that the public does not want sad and solemn things and does want to laugh at the theater, but now and then comes a serious play that strikes the public with great force. There is no doubt that "Tess" has touched the popular taste and Mrs Fiske has earned her success in it.

A Shapely Burlesquer.

Nellie Elmer was born May 16, 1869 She made her debut with Sackett' Stock Co., at Omaha, Neb., in 1887. Subfine dramatic effect was ruined by sequently she joined Kiralfy's spectac

LIVES WITHOUT MUCH DIFFI-

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



upon the climatic conditions of the far

north. These show, says the Indianapolis news, what had already been suspected by scientists, that, so far as a minimum temperature is concerned, the highest northern latitudes are more favorably situated than many regions lying full fifteen or twenty defarther to the south. The lowest reading of Nansen's thermometer, registered on board the Fram, was 61.5 degrees Fahrenheit, or some 12 to 15 degrees higher than the minimum noted by the British polar expedition of 1875of Kane. The lowest winter temperature recorded by Mr. Peary was 53 deperature are the rigors of certain less enty-third parallel of latitude, a temthat it is largely choked with ice, has

cellar" of Eurasia. At Yakutsk, in Siberia, a well-known governmental post, lying considerably southward or outside of the arctic circle, a temperature of from 70 to 80 degrees below is reported almost annually; and at Verkhojansk, which is situated almost within the same broad region, but somewhat on the polar side of the circle, there is a registry of 92 degrees for the month of January, 1894. Prof. Mohn, the distinguished Norwegian scientist, asserts, moreover, that at the Russian station at the mouth of the Lena river, Siberia, the extraordinary low temperature of 94 degrees Fahrenheit has been recorded.

justly received the name of the "ice

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. It is claimed by Alexander Von Humboldt that Ritchie observed near Mourzouk, in northern Africa, a temperature (in a measure reflected from the desert sands) of 135 degrees in the shade, which is probably the highest that comes authoritatively from the records of travelers. If this is true, then there can be little doubt that the sun temperature was fully 15 degrees higher. With the two extremes before us, then, we have for the human subject a climatic resistance of at least 244 degrees, or 32 degrees more than is found in the range between zero and the boiling point of water. How much more than this man could endure it is difficult to say, but doubtless many degrees could yet be added to either side of the thermometric scale without materially or necessarily affecting his system. His resistance to the temperature of furnace rooms, as is evidenced in the work of stokers on board the transatiantic liners, is an indication of this. And yet more the remarkable experiments recently conducted by the eminent physicist Raoul Pictet upon his own person, when by artificial processes he subjected his body to a temperature of 165 degrees.

and met Walter Terry, whose wife she

became during the season. They have

been members of "The Plunger"Co. and

tor's and other New York theaters, Miss Elmer is a finely formed woman and on it inscribed as follows: 'Miss Eher dancing and fencing specialty is done in conjunction with Mr. Terry's mystery remains as yet unrevealed grotesque dancing.

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. The name of George Bernard Shaw's new play, which at some future period is to follow "Under the Red Robe" at the London Haymarket theater, ie

called "You Never Can Tell." "At Piney Ridge" is still being produced before crowded houses at the American theater, and the consensus of critical opinion points to the fact that it is one of the best southern melodramas ever seen in New York.

CULTY IN THE EXTREMES.

OT 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

grees (approximately 1,000-1,400 miles) 6, and 8 degrees above the minimum grees Fahrenheit. In strange contrast to this in itself sufficiently severe temfavored localities lying south. Thus, in the Kara sea, which lies between Nova Zembla and Siberia, and whose center is approximately crossed by the sevperature of 61 degrees is by no means uncommon, and the sea, partly from this cause and partly from the fact

Was It Her Night Off? A Manchester correspondent tells me

of one of the latest developments of the servants' craze for imitating their mistresses, which occurred recently. "It was," she says, "the 'night out' of the cook of a friend of mine. The front doorbell rang, and, hearing the housemaid having a somewhat angry colloquy at the door, the lady went herself to see what it was about. She met the maid with a calling card in her hands, and on asking who had been at the door the girl replied: 'Only visitors for Miss ---,' naming the cook, who carried the card to the kitchen. Out of curiosity the lady went later on into the kitchen and found the card (a bona-fide printed visiting one), and W-, first and third Tuesdays.' The whether these dates represent 'nights out' or 'days at home.' "-Gentlewom-

Training for "New Journalism." The meanest girl has been discovered. She lives in Somerville, and one evening last week she invited three young men to come and hide behind the portiers and hear another young man propose to her .- Somerville Jour-

Numerous experiments to determine the best fire-resisting materials for the construction of doors, have proved that wood covered with tin resists fire better than an iron door.

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 te 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 echool 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 equaled anywhere. I may be an interested person, though, for it happens that my wife was one of the party.'

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 plaints 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.

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 rehashed, 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 flaw-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 din-

Tourist (in North Wales)-Wasn't there a steep hill here once? Native -There was, but the bicyclists objected to it and the rural council had it removed .- Tit Bits.

FOREIGN NOTES.

The vatican contains 208 staircases and 1,100 different rooms. The notes of the bank of England cost exactly one halfpenny each.

Amsterdam had 1,475 fires last year, at which nine persons lost their lives. The army expenses per head of the population is \$4.75 in France and \$3.50 in Germany.

Berlin now has electric street cars with storage batteries that need to be charged but once a day.

The number of emigrants from Great Britain and Ireland in 1896 was 241,912, of whom 36,000 went to South Africa, In Zululand, when the moon is at the full, objects are as distinctly visible at as great a distance as seven miles. By starlight one can see to read print with

Spain has more sunshine than any other country in Europe. The yearly average in Spain is 3,000 hours; that of Italy, 2,300; Germany, 1,700; England, 1,400.

There are about 2,000 persons in France who are set down as anarchists, and are under the constant watch of the police of the various European countries.

There are in France 2,150 women authors and journalists, and about 700 women artists. The provinces contribute most of the writers about twothirds-while Paris is represented in the same proportion among the artists.

A Kansas woman, who traveled to St. Louis to marry a man who advertised for a wife, has brought suft against him because he backed out when he saw her.