

### Today and Days of Old.

A recent writer on "The Growing Evils of the Day" has enlarged very greatly upon the idleness of women and the wretched influences of life in apartment houses. He says: "In the days of our grandmothers, when young married people were almost immediately interested in a growing family and the duties of their own little homes, life did not hold one-tenth the temptations, and surely there was a hundred per cent. less of scandal and divorce."

Today, in his opinion, the apartment house is the curse of the age and responsible for many things. Where so many women are gathered together with "nothing to do," the husband is away all day giving his wife time and license to drift into bad habits and worse morals; he awakens sooner or later to find his happiness shattered and his home in tears.

This seems to us the most senseless reasoning in the world. In the first place, there never was an apartment so small that a woman could not keep desperately or merrily busy in it all day long if she was so inclined; and of all places an apartment can be so easily fitted to the principle of keeping away from one's neighbor. Unlike a boarding house, one can wrap the privacy of that little home around her and not even answer the bell.

Then, too, there never was an age when women were so universally busy. Do not our daughters as well as our sons quickly turn the moment they receive their diplomas and face the ever-perplexing problem: "What must I do now to provide for myself?"

Oh, no; our quondam writer has gone far astray of the mark. Not idleness, not apartment houses, not even the old Adam in us is responsible for the deplorable conditions of today—The unfaithful husband and erring wives,

The shattered homes and ruined lives—but man himself. The father who is willing to see his daughter go out into the world, unless there is dire necessity for it; the brothers who enjoy the sight of their sister as a chorus girl, and the fiance who allows the woman he loves to work one day after he has asked her to be his wife.

All these things, perhaps, must be, and we are being educated every day to think they must be, but they alone are responsible for the temptations that crowd so thick and fast around our women of today. The pendulum must swing the same distance both ways, and if this is the rebound from the old Puritan severeness, then let us pray God it has reached its limit. Let us soon go back to the pure, sweet time of our grandmothers—the time of the harp and the minuet, the knitting bag and the silk apron; when mothers, sisters, and wives were busy ever in their devotion and fidelity.

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All over Germany there are such ruins—all over Europe. Here at Heidelberg stands the most imposing evidence of the horror and wastefulness of war in the magnificent castle of Heidelberg.

It was the home of kings and rulers from 1200 to 1764.

Frederick of Bohemia built a superb tower and other additions in 1610 to welcome his bride, Elizabeth, the daughter of James of England. Kings and queens and historical personages of almost a thousand years ago have climbed its stairs, walked in its gardens, sat upon its terraces and enjoyed the glorious view from its great turrets.

It escaped destruction in the horrible thirty years' war waged in the name of Christ, only to be blown up and looted by the French army in the next century.

In the basement museum are preserved the original statues, more than one hundred, which decorated arches and niches at the time of the siege.

There are sixteen full-sized statues of the great Charlemagne, and all with broken arms or noses or other injuries received in war.

New duplicates appear in the niches above, placed there by the admirable society organized for the preservation of these old castles.

When restoration is added to preservation, the original idea is carried out minutely as nearly as data permits.

It is no wonder Germany has given us the greatest composers of music and the greatest poets save Shakespeare the world has known. (And even the English nation traces its origin back to Germany).

Such magnificence of forests, cliffs, water; such historic old castles, oozing romance and tragedy and man-changing events from every inch of mouldering mortar; such a stimulating climate—all together must have its result in great genius among its people! —Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in Houston Chronicle.

### An Extraordinary Record.

Josephine Daskam Bacon wrote the following paragraph with her fingers crossed. It is a statement of her qualifications for discussing the servant problem—a job she is now tackling in The American Magazine.

"I believe myself to be notably fortunate in my relations with my domestic employes. During a period of eight years, in which I have employed household labor in four widely different places—a typical New England town, a large and flourishing suburb, the largest city in the country, and a tiny rural community—I have never once been addressed with intentional disrespect by any person in my employ; I have never been left a day without my regular staff of employes, which has varied from one to five (that is to say, that I have never been left suddenly or without sufficient notice to supply the vacancy); I have never had a satisfactory worker leave me except for what I considered a good reason (in the majority of cases, an advantageous marriage); I have never lost an unsatisfactory one except by my own dismissal; I have never, to my knowledge, or even suspicion, suffered the loss of a penny's worth by theft, and my record for breakage is such that it produces utter incredulity in the listener; in three cases out of four I have had services willingly and frequently offered me along lines where it was not expected or requested; I have had extra money, offered by me to offset extra work occasioned by sickness, refused, on the ground that at such times all the household expected to share the trouble; and as a climax I am able to state that once at least, on my offering a raise in wages to express my appreciation of competent and devoted service I was met with the astonishing suggestion that as my expenses were heavy at the time and likely to increase, I had better not consider it!"

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### Paris Has the Largest Garage

The largest existing garage in the world is now very probably the Palais de l'Automobile in the boulevard Perferre. Within the last few weeks the floor space has been increased from 2,000 square metres to well over 5,000 square metres. The hall thus provided is so vast that three or four hundred machines can be comfortably stored. There is a special washing department, where fifty cars can be cleaned at once, and each chauffeur having a machine in store has a cupboard to himself. There are three entrances and exits, so that there is never any crowding in the morning when the machines are going out for the day. The sight at night, when machines are returning every few minutes, is one which gives a good idea of the extent of automobile traffic in Paris.

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### Wild Cats Grow Bold.

Wildcats, attracted by the deer, have appeared in large numbers in the outskirts of Vermont towns near Rutland and have caused considerable alarm among the inhabitants of the rural districts. Several fine specimens have been brought in by local sportsmen, who report them in greater number than usual. The big cats have shown great boldness in stalking their game, and often follow the deer to the borders of the towns. Many of them have been shot within the boundary lines of the large villages. Active steps are being taken to drive out the savage pests, as not only do they slaughter game but they are a menace to travelers on country roads.

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### Great Slaughter of Deer.

The greatest deer hunt on record in Canada was that in the wilds of Ontario in the open season in last November. From the latest returns received by the Grand Trunk railway system, the lines of which tap the best territory in the province for fish and game, it appears that the hunters had the fullest measure of success. In the fifteen days of the open season of 1896 the Canadian Express company alone transported 3,100 carcasses of deer, having an aggregate weight of 318,215 pounds, all of these being shipped from points on the northern and Ottawa divisions of the Grand Trunk.

### Beauty Tips.

- ★ The manly man depends on God; the womanly woman on her father or husband.
- ★ The skin, especially that of the face, should be treated as the finest china, tenderly and delicately.
- ★ Proper bathing washes hard flesh and pink skin—happiness and strength originate in cleanliness.
- ★ When tired, do not eat, and if possible, refrain from working.
- ★ Hope is an Aladdin's lamp, which must be well rubbed with Perseverance and Pluck.
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