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CLEVER WOMEN ARTISTS.

THEY LIVE IN NEW YORK AND HAVE BRAINS AS WELL AS BEAUTY.

Miss Rheta Louise Childe's Interesting Story of the Way in Which Some of Them Have Conquered Success-An Artist Who Is Also an Author.

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MRS. RHODA HOLMES NICHOLLS. Mrs. Rhoda Holmes Nicholls was born

in Coventry, England. She early evinced a strong bias for art, which was encou-aged by her father, who was at that time

Her first serious study commenced at the

Italy, where she studied under Camerano

fifty artists, prominent among whom have

of Aquarellests, to whose annual exhibi-

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lar favor. Miss McChesney is a charter member as well as one of the jury of the New York Water Color society, and had a The number of good things at the recent exhibition. The "Old Woman Knitting" was sold before it was hung; that and the "Head of an Old Man" have been admired more, perhaps, than anything that her clever brush has produced. "A Study of an Old Woman's Head," at Keppel's, is paint-ed with a great deal of dash and freedom. Miss Louise H. King is also a native of San Francisco, although her home since her childhood has been in New York. At the Art Students' league, which has sent out so many of our younger artists, Miss

King was a favorite pupil of Kenyon Cox. Much of his strong draughtsmanship and simplicity of design are visible in her work. After leaving the league Miss King devoted some time to study in the Berlin Gallery and in the London National, where she seems to have absorbed considerable of the Preraphaelite, Burne-Jones spirit.

Miss King's specialty is high art decora tion, stained glass and cartoons. She has recently finished two windows for Tiffany, and aspires to cathedral wall decoration. This is a branch of art comparatively little crowded, and to which Miss King's genius seems admirably adapted. She delights in asthetic pinks, yellows and heliotropes, and her combinations of greens and blues are often rather daring and original.

"The Lotus Eaters" was exhibited at the Exposition Universel, Paris, 1889, and was much admired for its dreamy beauty and

A little blue and green water color "Lisa" was well hung at the American



this fall, and the artist is now at work on

at the spring Academy. In the face of the large subjects most

and figure are particularly noticeable. It is said that her arrival at a fashionable school in Toledo, where she had been engaged to teach, was the occasion of a most amusing sensation. "By their works shall ye know them," however, rarely applies to artists.

studio in common at the Sherwood. These studied together at the Art Students' league under Carroll Beckwith and in France under Alfred Stevens, have man-aged to preserve each her individual style.

also at the Academy in 1889 and much admired. The picture at present on the easel a a very ambitious subject, "The Child-



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poetic fire, suggesting the conceptions of Botticelli and Fra Angelico.



T. Brewster, in Cleveland, the accompany-ing sketch being made from a photograph of the figure in clay. The measurement of the figure in city. The measurement of the figure proper is 22 feet, globe and base 18, making a total of 40. The cost is to be \$12,500. It will be the largest bronse female figure ever cast in the country. Aside from its proportions "Indiana" may justly be considered as a work of high art representing the advanced American school. The features are classic, but in dividualized and free from the conventional Greek type. Exceptions may be taken to the eagle, but the original design included this. In awarding the prize the board of experts, T. C. Steele, W. Forsyth and J. H. Mahoney, gave expression to their convic tions as follows:

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goons first made her known to American

a composition of three women in old Florentine dress, which will probably be seen

congenial to her, Miss King's girlish face

Miss Emfly Slade, vice president, and Miss Frances Hunt Throop, treasurer, of the Woman's Art club, have an attractive two clever young women, while they have

"The Reveille" exhibited at the Salon is in Miss Throop's best style. It was seen



Mr. George T. Brewster, the sculptor, is

Walter Smith. At the expiration of his

fourth year he went to Paris and entered the "Ecole Nationale et Speciale des Beaux Arts," under Dupont, and later on under Mercie, well known in Amer



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NEWMAN'S OLD STAND.

MISS MARIE GUISE art lovers. Very soon after her arrival in New York, in 1884, her canvases attracted attention. A gold medal was awarded her picture "Those Evening Bells" by the American Art association. This picture has been etched by Mr. James King, and is very popular. For the past two years Mrs. Nicholls has worked almost exclusively in water colors. Among her more important pictures "The Scarlet Letter"

is a vigorous example of what may be done with that very attractive medium. A more ambitious work recently exhibited is entitled "The Survivors of the Schooner Viking," full of dramatic power and feel-

ing. Mrs. Nicholls is vice president of the New York Water Color society, and some of the best work seen at the recent exhibition is from her brush. Her studio on Twentieth street, New York, contains, be sides studies and pictures in great variety, many properties such as artists are prone



MISS CLARA T. M'CHESNEY. to collect-old carved chairs and a wonderful Venetian sail, combined with fish nets

sion of artistic disorder. Miss Marie Guise is an American girl in shows every article needful for our little spite of her French name. She has a studio at the Holbein, but is more often to be found painting at the Dalham and other stables. Horses and dogs are her delight,

Miss Guise studied for three years at Ecouen under Schenk. "Plowing at Ecouen" and "Haying Time," large canvases about this time, attracted favorable notice. Miss Guise admires Rosa Bonheur, and paints in very much the same strong, vigorous manner which distinguishes that cele brated artist. Her canvases are generally large, and the subjects almost entirely animals. Peasants and hay fields she loves, the latter giving opportunity for the floods of sunshine she knows well how to depict. A very fine Percheron horse was repro-duced in The Art Interchange some time ago, and Miss Guise's favorite, "Vic," very cross little dog, will have his portrait in the same magazine early next year. Miss Clara T. McChesney commenced her art studies in San Francisco. Later she

entered the Gotham in New York, remaining there for three years. She paints with a background of yellow blossons charmingly in water colors and pastel, and very effective. RHETA LOUISE CHILDE. her pictures are growing rapidly in popu

MISS FRANCES HUNT THROOP. hood of the Virgin." Miss Throop writes and illustrates charming little stories for children's magazines. Readers of St. Nicholas will remember "The Story of Turk," a noble St. Bernard dog, and will be interested to know that the story is quite true, and that Turk's skin ornaments Miss Throop's studio to this day,

Miss Slade paints children and flowers, a very agreeable combination. There is much of Beckwith's brilliance and a great deal of her own breadth of handling in her work. Her flesh tints especially are fine, her drawing unusually good, and her subjects interesting. She has painted some portraits, "The Concierge" being exhibited at the Salon of 1889. Last summer Miss Slade studied under Dumoulin, the leader of the new art movement in France, and this year's work shows traces of his ad vanced theories. Her latest picture, "A Flower Show," is a beautiful study of children, grouped admiringly around a



table, ornamented with a huge pot of chrys-anthemums. The latter flower Miss Slade paints extremely well. An unfinished picture of the little blonde head of a child with a background of yellow blossoms is

ica as the designer of the Lee monu-His first ment. piece was "Homer and the Shepherd Boy," exhibited

in the Salon of GEORGE T. BREWSTER. '83. In 1884 he exhibited, in the Salon, "David Before the Combat."

Upon his return to America he became associated with J. Q. A. Ward, his principal work being on the Garfield monument in Washington. "The Angel of the Resurrection" was produced shortly before he organized the modeling class in the Art Students' léague, now taught by Augustus St. Gaudens. He is a member of the Society of American Artists, the Architect ural league of New York and the Cleve- FIDE SALE. land Art club. He has been engaged for two years past on the Cleveland monument, which is to be surmounted by a figure of "Liberty." Mr. Brewster is not yet 28 years of age.

Queer Facts About Trees.

A palm of Pedur, India, 11 feet high, changes its position morning and evening. a handkerchief tied to its leaves so as to touch the ground at 4 a. m. having been six inches from the ground at 5.30 a. m., 18 inches at 8 p. m., and 9 feet at 3 a. m. A leaf stalk of the travelers' tree of Madagascar contains, even in the driest season, a quart of water. Schelwisch, the Bavarian naturalist, found in the heart of Africa an iron tree, from which the leaves could only be removed by filing. Another African tree yields butter. An engineer who has been surveying in Central America reports a tree which shines with a brilliant light at night, a tree which gives milk and a tree which bears dough for bread

Two Bright Young Women.

Miss McChesney, a New York artist, is a tall, slender young woman, with a bright face crowned by a mass of gorgeous red gold hair.

Miss Throop, another New York artist, has painted some astonishingly good portraits, which branch of art is her favorite She has had commissions from a number of prominent New York people. She paints with great fidelity and truth, paying marked attention to values and atmospheric effects.

Welcomed to the United States. Among recent distinguished visitors to America is Mr. Robert Niven, M. A. (Ox ford), who, besides being known as a barrister, lecturer

and reviewer in England, has a reputation as a political speaker. He was a Liberal Unionist candi date at the last general parlia mentary election His experience and personal knowledge of En glish parliamentarians is exten-

ROBERT NIVEN. sive, and he is widely versed on all topics of the times. Consequently he is receiving a warm welcome from American literary leaders and statesmen, who find his views, whether expressed publicly or privately, entertaining and of value.

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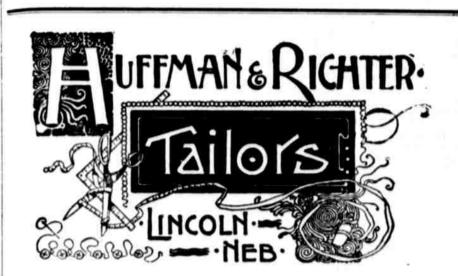
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