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Catharine Ward Barnes Thinks Photography Is an Occupation Especially Adapted to Women-Advice to Beginners Who Wish to Practice the Art For a Livelihood

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"I believe photography to be a fine field for women. The trouble is the average young girl is not willing to work. It requires persistent, earnest labor to become a good photographer." said Miss Catharine Weed Barnes, editor of The American Amateur Photographer

and one of the foremost amateurs in this Miss Barnes, who is a granddaughter of Thurlow Weed, has taken repeated prizes for her work, and last summer was invited to address the annual convention of the photographers of the United Kingdom, which met in Edinburgh. This is the first time a woman has been so honored. The year before she was accorded a similar distinction in being asked to speak

before the national professional photog-



CATHARINE WEED BARNES,

"I took up photography at first for the pleasure it afforded me. At the same time I determined to gain so proficient and practical a knowledge that I could get my living by it if I were ever obliged to do so," said Miss Barnes.

"I remember the first camera I had. When it was sent home, I didn't know how to set it up, and I had to follow the directions and experiment for about an hour before I got it into shape. Then I didn't know which end to look into. But I worked at it till I did. Now I have 12 cameras ranging from a lens of 4 by 5 up to 14 by 17."

o much applause at the Washington convention last summer and would alone was have placed you in the front rank of artistic photographers. How could one who did even as fine work as that find a market for it? When is it in demand?"

"Firms who get up photogravure illus-THROUGH . PULLMAN . AND trations for publishers and the publishers themselves will buy such pictures. "But there are other ways by which a woman can earn her living at photography. Before I speak of them, let me

first say a word to the beginner. "Photography is not easy work. The one who tells you so does not know anything about it. Most easy work is bad work. Of course any one can press a button and make a snap shot. That does very well for amusement, but we are speaking now of doing work for a living. When I began, I looked at every plate very carefully and tried to pick out its faults. I got good judges to criticise it and attempted to do better next time. Don't be discouraged at repeated failures and don't excuse your poor work by laying it to the lens. I have seen better work from a \$10 lens than I have from a \$100 one. Of course the better one-half the success lies in the handling of the tools.

"If you intend to set about the work position to do anything he wishes to put tom of the ladder, keep your eyes open, absorb all you can. Don't try to push ahead until you are capable. Thoroughly master the rudimentary steps of developing and printing. If you are an earnest worker, you will continually be making new discoveries, which you can utilize to your own profit and the benefit

of others. ed to this field of work. A well known photographer once told me he preferred to let into his darkroom women amateurs rather than men, as the women were more apt to cork the bottles, turn off the gas and water and leave things in good order when they had finished. They have the delicate touch, the artistic feel-

ing and the capacity for taking pains. "Here are some suggestions for wom-

stinct for posing people so as to bring out their good points. Such a woman might get a good salary in a gallery for doing nothing else, or she might unite with a practical photographer and go into the business herself. Again, she may have a peculiar talent for arranging groups so as to make effective pictures. Let her turn that talent into money by making a specialty of groups. She may have the patience and tact to be able to get exceptionally good pictures of chil-

dren. That pays well. "In order to be the most successful at these things, she should first be a practical photographer, so that when anything is wrong with a plate she may know Matthews of Indiana is a young woman. where the fault lies. Sensetimes the Miss McMechan, highly accomplished positive er protecting may have been in lit socially as well as Lucinesside. Her and the light wrong. The arrangement present office to a never before third by of the light is of vital imperiance. It associate have American Contra

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can make a handsome woman positively ugly, or, if skullfully arranged, an ugly one almost beautiful.

"Another suggestion, which I, believe, is a valuable one, is this: Let a woman who is a good practical photographer go to one of the seaside or mountain resorts and put up a shanty, or a tent if she cannot do better. She can take interesting bits of the scenery for visitors to carry away with them. She can take the people themselves posed artistically, as no ftinerant tintype man has yet done. She can pose her subjects on their favorite rocks, in their mountain paths or in their boats; perpetuate their pet

"In Chicago there is a young woman who is an adept at posing people, and who also takes the delicate, soft photographs which are so like engravings. It didn't take actresses or society women very long to find this out, and she now has all she can do, at good prices too.

"The artistic quality in a photograph will bring its price, and in this direction there is an unlimited field for women." ALICE E. IVES.

WOMAN'S WORLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

Post Graduate Women Students at Johns Hopkins University.

An institution of learning no longer honors women when it opens its doors Pand SATISFACTORY to students of the feminine sex. It honors itself. The noble Johns Hopkins university at Baltimore has at length thus done itself credit. Ten years ago a young In the home plant enable the lady friend of my own, a college graduate and one of the most conscientious students I ever knew, tried every known means to induce the Johns Hopkins faculty to admit her to one of the post graduate courses. They refused with the United States, under similar con-"But how could a young woman who wished to make a living find sale for groups such as you take?" asked her visitor. "Now, for instance, this charming the hopkins. My friend did the next best thing. She swallowed her disappoint the hopkins it. She swallowed her disappoint the hopkins is sold at the exceedingly low rate of \$1.35 per thousand feet, and lituminating Gas at \$1.80 per thousand feet. tion her own country denied her and obliged to put up with teaching from Professor Huxley, who had no prejudice at all against women students. Behold! In the department of organic geology Miss Florence Bascom will next June receive from Johns Hopkins the degree of Ph. D.—doctor of philosophy degree of Ph. D.-doctor of philosophy -the highest a university can bestow, In December the faculty of the university decided that the graduate departments should be opened regularly to women. The trustees gave permission so long ago as 1877. The learned and conservative faculty have ever since then been making up their minds to it. But they have yielded most gracefully at last and done honor to themselves and won the gratitude of women whose gratitude is of a kind that wafts him who earns it onward to nobler heights. American women need by heights. American women need no the longer leave their own country and go to the universities of Paris and London and Eurich to complete their special studies.

They can be a longer from the book FRE. a very war in a precise section of the book FRE. a very war in a precise section from the book FRE. a very war in a ve They can go to Johns Hopkins and to Yale. Dr. G. H. Williams, head of the department of geology at Johns Hopkins, and Professor Griffin are the ones the materials the better the result. But women must thank for brave championship of their cause, for it was through the efforts of these two that the happy change was brought about. The underseriously, go to a professional and get a graduate course will not at present be open to women, because there are alyou at. Be content to begin at the bottom of the ladder, keep your eyes open. Miss Bascom obtained her preliminary degree at the University of Wisconsin in 1882. Later she was made master of arts by the same institution, of which her father, Dr. John Bascom, was presi-

dent. A proud man that father must bef Mrs. Martin Foote Crowe is full professor of English literature in the mag-"I believe women are especially adapt- nificent Chicago university. Professor Crowe is one of the most learned specialists of her time in this department.

From present indications the scholars. preachers and college professors of the 20th century will be women.

Early in the contest the election of a Democratic senator in Kansas might have been predicted by one who watched the signs. A dispatch from Topeka said. "A noticeable incident in the strife was the conduct of the Populist women, who crowded into the statehouse and urged members to stand firm and defeat the Republican party at all hazard."

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or in their boats; perpetuate their pet bathing suits or natty mountain costumes. She can eatch the children digging in the sand, and the mothers would be sure to buy the pictures.

"If she has the artistic talent to know when she has a good group or pose and the practical knowledge of developing her plate properly, I believe the termination of the corporation is fixed.

know when she has a good group of pose and the practical knowledge of developing her plate properly, I believe there is money for the enterprising young woman at summer resorts.

"When she lives within easy distance of a park or promenade where nurses come with children, she can get many a pretty group to be made into a salable picture.

"I know two young women up in Maine who are making themselves rich just by their success in photographing children.

"There is room in any of the large cities for more such women who can make a specialty of taking babies. Let them set up their cameras in a neat, cozy little gallery and advertise that they will take photograph of children for one week free of charge. If their work is very good, they won't need to advertise any more—their photographs will do the compensation to be paid amount total of \$75,000,00 and to besne stock there from time to time as the beard of directors may deem best in the interests of the corporation is fixed at the first any of Max, 180, and the termination of the corporation is fixed at the first any of Max, 180, and the termination of the corporation is fixed at the first any of Max, 180, and the termination of the corporation is fixed at the first any of Max, 180, and the termination of the corporation is fixed at the first any of Max, 180, and the termination of the corporation is fixed at the first any of Max, 180, and the termination of the corporation is fixed at the first any of Max, 180, and the termination of the corporation is fixed at the first any profile the termination of the corporation is fixed at the first any profile the termination of the corporation is fixed at the first any of Max, 180, and the termination of the corporation is fixed at the first any of Max, 180, and the termination of the corporation is fixed at the first any pears from the termination of the corporation is fixed at the first any pears from the termination of the corporation is fixed at the first any pears from the termination of the corporation is fixed at the

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