

women and children. In front of each person is a square iron slab with nuts piled high on one side of it. Each worker has a hammer and pegs away from morning until night. Skill is required to extract the meats without breaking them. A good nut cracker can crack out about 16 pounds of nice clean nuts a day. For that amount the cracker receives \$2 or a little more. In the busy season Mrs. Barotti employs from 30 to 50 hands.

A Philadelphia woman has hit on a novel plan of converting muscle into cash. When her husband, a laboring man, died, leaving her with four small children with healthy appetites, she decided to become a professional cleaner of kitchen floors. She has worked her specialty to advantage and is so efficient that her regular customers would as soon think of allowing a plumber to tune a grand piano as to permit any one else to touch their kitchen floors.

Many kitchen floors nowadays are made of hard wood or tiles or are covered with oilcloth or linoleum. An expert can clean them with great rapidity, as this woman has proved. She makes the average floor as neat as wax in half an hour and charges only 25 cents for doing so. She carries her own tools, soaps and cloths for getting the dirt off and putting the shine on and leaves things spick and span behind her. For each customer she has a certain half hour on a certain day. She is an exact woman, and, knowing this, her customers have the kitchen ready for her. She earns from \$3 to \$4 a day and says she likes the work better than standing behind a counter.

For some time a number of women in New York have been doing professional mending. Expertness with the needle is the only preparation necessary for this business. The menders are missionaries in a way, for they seek out bachelors at their boarding houses, apartments and hotels and make a contract to keep buttons on coats, vests and trousers, to darn hose and to close up rents in clothing. The price charged for such service varies according to the size of a man's wardrobe.

This scheme of a perambulating repair shop appeals to the average man, for it means money in his pocket. Tailors charge good round sums for odd jobs, and a woman fixes up many things that a tailor would not touch. It is easier, too, to have a woman drop in, while a man is away at business, and rid him of all the worry about the condition of his clothes. The mender visits her customers at stated intervals.—New York Sun.

The Buffalo Women's Union.

The Buffalo Women's union is a strong nonsectarian association where Protestant, Catholic and Hebrew and those of no church at all, laying aside all differences of creed or tradition, have come together on an equal footing to work for a common good. Sometimes its work is misunderstood because of the practical name. For illustration, a forlorn woman came to the president one day with a complaint that she had been defrauded and desired the aid of the protective committee, and when asked if she had made any effort to collect her claim she made this rather startling assertion: "Oh, no. I am a Christian. I cannot fight. It would not do for me, so I came to you." The difference between nonsectarian and non-religious is clearly defined, and while there is no outward religious observance the union effort in its deep significance touches at the roots of what is highest and noblest in life. In a recent essay on the "Art of Living Together" is the following apt illustration: A Chinaman, in his faroff land, went to a missionary to be baptized. Being a stranger, the good man asked where he had heard the gospel, and the answer came, "I have not heard the gospel, but I have seen it."

The union aims to be a thought center. It stands for liberal fellowship, progressive education, home ideals and free hearted hospitality. It demands and receives the loyal service of good women because of its high ideals. These are some of the underlying principles which are the foundation of the Women's Educational and Industrial union. We long to extend our borders, to see the number of unions in our own and other lands increased. Similar organizations already exist in Paris, London and Geneva. It costs little to begin. Enthusiasm, consecration of purpose and a little money are needed.

The Buffalo union began its work with the sum of \$65, received from membership dues. In every town and city the protective work is needed. Women, because of ignorance of the law, are often defrauded; innocent girls and helpless children fall victims to bad men, and brave women must stand for them in these days of political corruption if justice is to prevail. To extend the helping hand to the friendless and persecuted woman, not condoning her mistakes if she has made them, but, in view of human weakness, rendering sisterly aid and sympathy, should be the most blessed privilege of the pure and happy woman everywhere. The Buffalo union has entered the fourteenth year of practical work for its city and state.—Harper's Bazar

Radcliffe College Girls.

Radcliffe college, which has just started on another year, was begun in 1875 under the name of the Society For the Collegiate Instruction of Women, or more familiarly the Harvard annex. In 1894 it was made a college under the name of Radcliffe, in honor of Anne Radcliffe, the first woman who gave money to Harvard. The instruction provided at Radcliffe is practically identical with that at Harvard. There are the same professors and the same curriculum. In 1897 there were 128 students. This year there are more.

It is supposed very generally that there is very little social life among the girls. Whenever this is mentioned to a Radcliffe girl she looks surprised, for Radcliffe girls seem to think that they have considerable social life—as much,

anyway, as they have time for. It is true there is no dormitory life at Radcliffe. The girls who come from a distance board in private families. At the same time there is hardly a day when there is not something going on at college.

There are the various clubs. The Idler is the largest and a purely social one. It meets on alternate Fridays. Sometimes plays are given. Afterward there are dancing and refreshments. Twice a year the members of the Idler are "at home" to their friends at Fay House. The girls call these receptions "open meetings."

Among the other clubs are the French, English, German, History, Philosophy, Classical and Scientific. These clubs are partly social and partly literary. Then there is the athletic club for the girls who are fond of the gymnasium and outdoor sports. There are also class organizations and a number of smaller clubs.

Every Wednesday Mrs. Agassiz, Radcliffe's president; Miss Irwin, the dean, and Miss Coes, the secretary, receive in the parlor. All the larger clubs give at least one "open meeting" during the year. In addition to these club meetings and receptions there are other affairs which call the girls together—class meetings, dances and evening lectures. All of the evening lectures at Harvard are open to the Radcliffe girls. Living near a large city is always an advantage, for there are the theaters and concerts to be attended.

Latest in Waists and Blouses.

It is very certain that costumes made entirely of one handsome material take the palm for elegance among gowns designed for certain occasions. All tailor made gowns are thus "built." It is quite as certain, however, that for other requirements, no matter what has been said to the contrary, the dressy and beautiful separate waist, differing from the skirt, as a rule, in both fabric and coloring, will be as fashionably worn this winter as if this were the initial season of its vogue. There is no doubt about this assertion. The tailors and dressmakers protest against it, but the truth remains that at the most noted importing houses in the city, and throughout the country, will be found the most varied and elaborate display of dress and fancy waists that has ever been known in the history of trade and fashion and both for smartness, style and general attractiveness, the new models cannot well be surpassed. Seemingly the force of genius in this direction can no further go.

A feature of some of the latest silk, satin and velvet blouses is a detachable basque, which is fastened to the blouse by a folded girdle, a metal belt or ribbon band with empire bow on the left side. This makes a dressy finish to one of the most stylish and also convenient bodies that up to the present time have ever been invented. Some of the blouses remind one of the peplum of classic origin. Women with very wide hips do not find the short additions—tabs, crenelated or vandyke blouses, etc.—below the waist at all becoming in their case. The longer peplum style just referred to is very "complimentary."—New York Post.

Even in the Klondike.

Advices from the goldfields bring news of the Women's Club of Klondike. Although just organized the society shows that it has already grasped the spirit and intention of the great movement. The little manual setting forth the practices and preachments of the club, a few copies of which have found their way east, will gladden the heart of every aider and abettor of organized effort. From the list of subjects for discussion it will be seen that nothing of the slightest relevance to anything nearer than the antipodes will be allowed. She who looks for such topics as "How to Cut Ice," "The Way to Keep Warm With the Mercury at a Vanishing Point" and "A Comparative Analysis of the Gastronomic Merits of Rubber Boots and Boot Backs" will be disappointed. No regular day or date for the meetings of the club is specified. The motto of the club is "Culture in Koldest Klondike." The colors are yellow and white, signifying the principal products of the region—gold and snow. The badge is in the form of a pin and bears the design of a gold pick rampart upon a field of ice. To this, its youngest daughter, so heartily in accord with its constitutional aims and interests, the General Federation of Women's Clubs has already sent a cordial invitation to become a member of the great body. It is really remarkable that, in spite of all topographical handicaps, these brave women of Klondike have at once set about the nowadays imperative detail of feminine existence—a club.—Philadelphia Times.

The mourninglike garb so long worn by maids and waitresses is being displaced by pure white gowns. Certainly a fresh white gown, a sheer muslin apron with the folds still in it and a becoming cap are more appropriate for a well heated and brilliantly lighted dining room than the sable, nunlike uniform, and such a costume is much more comfortable for the wearer.

A school of housekeeping has been opened in Boston, where women who wish to become professionals in this branch of domestic service may be educated. A course of three months will be given and students thoroughly trained in all branches of housekeeping and domestic service.

Fifty Philadelphia young women have organized themselves into an auxiliary to the Woman's Health Protective association. The special line of work of the new club will be to assist in raising funds for a proposed pay hospital for contagious diseases.

A home for deaf-mutes is to be opened shortly in Jersey City. The project is in the hands of the Newark conference of the Woman's Methodist Home Missionary society.

GETTING EVEN WITH HIM.

A Disgruntled Constituent Who Had It In for the Congressman.

"They are not all alike, anyway," remarked a congressman to his clerk, laying a letter he had just read down on his desk.

"Who are not?" inquired the clerk for more definite information.

"People who want office. Here's a man living on the Pacific slope now who used to be a constituent of mine. I failed in securing him an office he wanted once and he swore he would get even with me, saying I hadn't tried hard enough, which was to some extent true, for I thought he had better stuff in him. Listen to what he writes," and the congressman read from the letter:

"I told you once I would get even with you for not getting me that office, and I will. You may think because I have gone West that I have forgotten how you treated me when I was a constituent of yours, but I have not. You refused to help me then and practically drove me out of your district, and I came here. I have made a ten-strike in business and have got more money to throw away than you can make in forty years in congress, and part of that I have set aside as a revenge fund. Forgotten you, have I? Well, not much. This amount I propose to spend in your campaign on your behalf, and I intend to do it every year, if necessary, until you get so sick and tired of going to congress that you will get down on your knees to your former constituent and beg him with tears in your eyes for the Lord's sake to let up. You, sir, have put me in a position to be able to do this thing, and you must be the one to suffer. If you had secured me that office this consideration of affairs would not have been possible, and there is no one to blame for it except yourself, and I am free to confess that I am not sorry things have turned out as they have."

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Hot Weather Advice.

During the heated spell it is in order to reiterate the importance of avoiding excesses of any kind and of dispensing, so far as possible, with cares and worries. If there is a heavy task to be performed let it wait a few days if it will bear postponement. The wisdom of keeping as much as possible out of the direct rays of the sun needs no indorsement. With ordinary care nearly every victim of the heat during the past week could have guarded against prostration. Those persons whose occupation necessarily exposes them to high temperatures should be particularly cautious about what they eat and drink, and should endeavor to secure a sufficient amount of rest and sleep to enable them to withstand the ordeal which they undergo while at their labor. Above all, it is essential that malt and spirituous liquors should be shunned during this torrid weather. Even temperance beverages, if too cold, are apt to produce stomach disorders and prostration. Be prudent, be moderate, be abstemious, and there will be little danger of illness.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Brave Pioneer.

Three ushers, the manager of the theater and a policeman tried to induce an Atlanta woman to remove a particularly objectionable "picture hat" from her head while Governor Bob Taylor of Tennessee was delivering his lecture with fiddle accompaniment. The lady claimed that her hat was no more of an annoyance to men than was their habit of brushing by her or compelling her to rise when they wanted to leave the theater to get a drink. She said further that when that peculiar nuisance, to which all women are continually subjected in theaters everywhere, was abolished she would consent to remove her hat, but not until then. She was a brave pioneer for a reform that should be instituted in the management of nearly every theater.—Exchange.

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