

ARE NOTED BEAUTIES.

A QUARTETTE OF WOMEN FAMOUS FOR THEIR CHARMS.

New York, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis rivals in the contest for first place—Marie Churchill and Mrs. H. C. Chatfield-Taylor.

(Special Letter.)

No product of any city in the country has such enthusiastic praise as its beautiful women, and for the very good reason that every one of the American cities has a galaxy of fair ones of whom to be proud.

As the stars differ from each other in glory, so do the examples of feminine loveliness with which this broad country is sprinkled like a firmament.

Herewith is presented distinctive types of the handsome women from four quarters of the country.

New York concedes the palm for womanly graciousness and beauty to no other American city.

Miss Marie Churchill, who is now being talked of as the "new beauty" of that city, made her debut last winter, but was first prominently noticed at Narragansett Pier last summer.

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Mrs. H. C. Chatfield-Taylor is accounted by many as the most beautiful woman in Chicago, and she certainly is one of the most accomplished.

Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor is a brunette, with abundant black hair, soft brown eyes, a beautiful complexion, and a face that shows an artistic temperament.

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MARIE CHURCHILL.

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has been considered for more than a year one of the most celebrated of all the beauties of St. Louis. She is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ewing, whose home is one of the fashionable centers of the city.

Her entrance into society was made the occasion of a ball, given by her parents, at which Miss Ewing commanded immediate admiration, not only for her beauty, but for her brightness and attractiveness of manner.

Miss Julia Smith, of Cincinnati, is one of the prettiest girls on Walnut



MRS. H. C. TAYLOR.

Hill, and has a host of admiring friends. She is the daughter of Daniel T. Smith, and resides in one of the many elegant residences on Grand street.

Miss Smith is a graduate of St. Bar-

Speed, 13.6 knots. Dimensions—Length on water line, 256 feet; beam, 59 feet; draft, 15 feet 4 inches; displacement, 4,081 tons.



STEEL UNITED STATES COAST DEFENSE VESSEL, MONITOR TYPE, MONTEREY.

Mrs. Harry Le Grand Cannon is the youngest of all the society widows. She is only 28 and is as fair to look upon as when, five years ago, she came from the west and won the heart of the popular young cotton leader.

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A Knocker of Gold.

At Ottford, in Kent, there was formerly a palace of the archbishops of Canterbury. Wolsey is said to have held his court there. It was but a small place, and is now a farm house, picturesque enough, and olden, but exhibiting no special signs of prosperity.

Vanity speaks for itself.

SOME RICH WIDOWS.

NEW YORK THE MECCA FOR MANY OF THEM.

Most of Them Sustain Numerous Charities—A Few of Them Are Young and Lovely with Dollars on All Sides of Them.

(New York Letter.)

THIS city must be a good place for widows if we are to judge by the numbers who come from all points of the compass to this great cosmopolitan city.

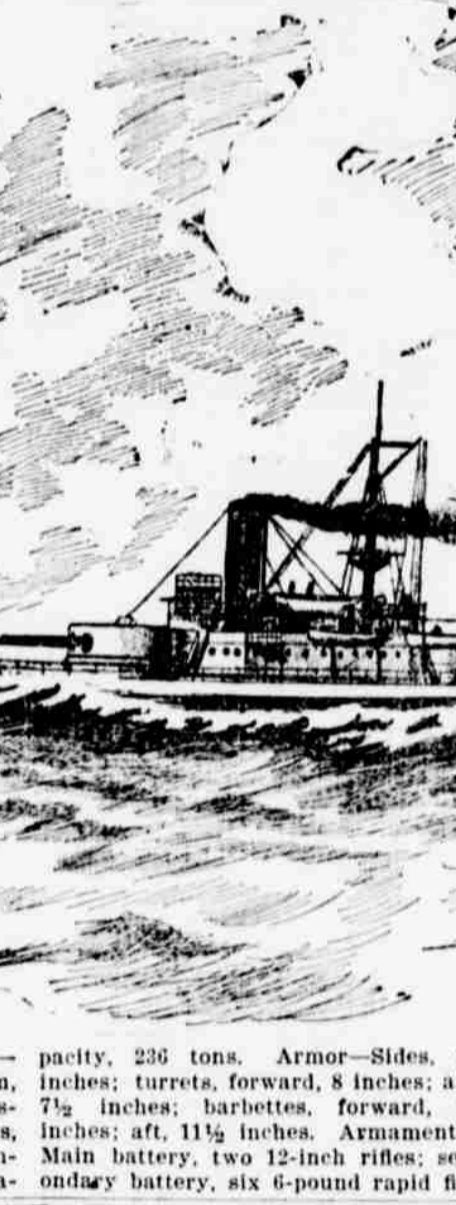
As men's teeth and this leads one to believe that good old husbands and fathers, in their effort to provide choice food, goodly raiment and an occasional duke or prince for their womankind, wear themselves out, body and soul, early in the fray and when they reach middle age calmly betake themselves to a land where there is no more work.

To Mrs. William H. Vanderbilt is accredited the glory of owning more money than any other widow in town.

Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard, Mrs. Vanderbilt's eldest daughter, has been a widow for three years. She lives in one corner of the great Vanderbilt mansion on 5th avenue, extending from 51st to 52d street.

Mrs. Shepard has more than \$20,000,000 and the best portion of her income is spent in the splendid charities originated and operated by the Vanderbilt family.

Madison avenue are world famous. Two of the most interesting widows in New York are Mrs. Ulysses Grant, wife of the great northern leader, and Mrs. Jefferson Davis, wife of the president of the confederate states.



MRS. LE GRAND CANNON.

Mrs. Le Grand Cannon is the handsomest widow in New York society. Mrs. Samuel Colgate, who was Cora Smith of New Orleans. Mrs. Colgate is tall, slender and graceful, with an exquisitely modeled head and a face good to look upon.

She has not long passed 30 and has \$8,000,000 to add to the fortune of her beautiful face.

Mrs. Ward McAllister will continue to make her home in this busy city but few will benefit by her presence, for hers is one of the faces we never see.

She has long been an invalid and never accompanied Mr. McAllister into the social life which was so much a part of his very existence.

Mrs. William Astor is one of the richest widows in America. She has just moved into the magnificent palace her son built on upper 5th avenue.

Mrs. Kingdon, the mother of Mrs. George J. Gould, Mrs. Brockholst Cutting, Mrs. Joseph W. Drexel and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Freddie Gebhardt's sister, are a group of women with dollars to right of them, dollars to left of them and dollars just all around them.



MRS. SAMUEL COLGATE.

net happiness in the royal good time her daughter, Mrs. Gould, manages to have. Mrs. Cutting is entirely devoted to her two sons, Brockie and Winkie.

Mrs. Drexel is a superb musician, with three daughters who are adepts on the harp and piano.

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.



HAVING to depend entirely in agriculture on the success of plants in the field to furnish human food and animal fodder, the farmer should understand how plants grow.

During the past summer, hundreds of trees on our farms, in shallow soils, dried up, and died for lack of moisture in the earth, within the reach of their roots.

In the dry countries of Iowa the meadows and pastures now are very bare ground. Hence half the number of cattle for the next summer pasture will be the wisest policy for profitable results.

Pastures. I have several pastures of five acres to 200 acres. I keep no certain number in each pasture, but change according to season and the amount of stock on hand.

Illinois Horticultural Convention. (From Farmers' Review.) The fourteenth annual convention of the Illinois Horticultural society was held at Kankakee recently.

Transplanting Large Trees.—Gardening gives this method, and we can certify to its being a good one: We prefer doing this in the spring, and would prepare for it now.

Armour Buying Corn.—Pid. Armour, the millionaire packer, is making arrangements to crib an enormous amount of corn in Iowa this year.

Mr. Burnhardt expressed himself as certain that the rabbits would let the trees alone if they only had enough of other things to eat.

A nephew of Stonewall Jackson has offered to give thirty acres of land in Randolph county, W. Va., for a Confederate soldiers' home.

But there had always been about his place some brushwood or trees for them to work on.

Mr. Gilbert protects his traps by using only common wrapping paper, such as can be obtained in any grocery, or dry goods store.

A discussion arose on the value of the yellow transparent for commercial orchards. Some believed it a mistake to plant largely of this variety on account of its poor keeping qualities.

Question.—How many have experimented with spraying mixtures? Twenty-seven replied affirmatively.

Question.—How many recommend spraying? Thirty-five votes were cast for it, and none against it.

Mr. Morrill, of Michigan, spoke on the marketing of fruit. The first requisite is to have something desirable to market. He could not tell a man how to market undesirable fruit.

The superintendent of the insane asylum at Kankakee spoke on the great success of irrigation at that place. The water for the irrigation works is pumped by steam engines that can supply from 100,000 to 200,000 gallons per day.

The election of officers resulted in the following choice: President, Mr. Goodrich; vice-president, Lem Small; secretary, H. M. Dunlap; treasurer, Arthur Bryant.

The next annual meeting will be held at Springfield. William Gould spoke on the cultivation of grapes. He plants 8x8 or 7x9, which gives about 700 vines to the acre.

Sulphur for Sheep.—The American Sheep Breeder says: While sulphur is indispensable for sheep, as furnishing one of the important elements of the fleece, it must be given in such a way as to be available for this purpose.

One man that had tried tarred paper thought there was great danger from using this, as it was not taken off early enough in the spring, in which case the tar from the paper works into the tree.

Gold Aluminum Collar Buttons. A collar button of gold aluminum is being placed on the market. It is made out of one piece of metal (no solder being used), and is warranted not to bend or break.

Wanted account. The authorities are... Boston, Jan. 28.—John I. s... one of the largest im... v. E.