

Again, if the list is to be made up of women who have won distinction in their respective fields

answer to the question, all would be well. But

the United States has so many great women-to

It's also embarrassing to the National League

And it's embarrassing to anyone asked to draw

up a list-there are so many things to be consid-

ered. For example, from one viewpoint one would

naturally name the "First Lady of the Land"-

Mrs. Warren G. Harding-and from another Mary

Pickford or Mary Garden or Geraldine Farrar or

Mary Roberts Rinehart or Ida M. Tarbell or Edith

Again, one might name Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont

or Alice Paul of the National Woman's party of

Mrs. Maud Wood Park of the National League of

Women Voters; it depends upon whether one is

or is not militant in the matter of women suf-

of Women Voters, for the reason that to answer

it the league must perforce name at least one

say nothing of the famous ones!

of its own members.

Wharton.

of endeavor there is the difficulty that some of the names are not widely known. Such a list would be scorned by people who think only of popularity and notoriety and publicity.



BLACKSNAKE GOSSIP

"There was once someone," said the Blacksnake, "who talked to some people about gossip. This talker told the people that it was bad, to gossip, and that they must keep from talking about others.

"The talker told how it got people into trouble and caused unhappiness and sorrow. And then the talker told the people to each take the talk to themselves and not think it was intended for their neighbors.

"But alas, and alack, the people talked of how the talk had been just such a talk as their neighbors needed, and didn't take the lesson to heart as they should have done.

"Now I am hoping that people will take my lesson to heart,

"I hope they will not say that they do not gossip but will listen to my talk and will take pains to undo the harm that has been done and not gossip ever, ever again.

"Such gossip has gone about regarding me and regarding my family. "Bit by bit I shall talk of the stories that have been told about me, and I will tell of how untrue they are.

"In the first place of all I do not squeeze my prey until it is killed. I am not a constrictor, and a constrictor does that.

"I have never done that and I will never do that, though people will



"I Prefer Nice Little Snakes."

often say that the Blacksnake does do

Protos from ternotional

tiring president of Bryn Mawr college, educator

dent of the General Federation of Women's clubs,

7-Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, Warren, O., vice

8-Miss Alice Mary Robertson, Muskogee, mem-

Other names that frequently appear in the many

unofficial lists are these: Edith Wharton, novelist;

Ida M. Tarbell, author; Cecilia Beaux, artist; Julia

C. Lathrop, worker for children; Mrs. Raymond

Robins, sociologist; Helen Keller, leader of blind;

Maude Adams, actress; Mme, Louise Homer,

singer; Mme. Schumann-Heink, singer; Mary Gar-

rett Hay, club woman; Julia Marlowe, actress;

Agnes Repplier, essayist; Mary Garden, singer;

Geraldine Farrar, singer; Mary Pickford, screen

star; Mary Roberts Rinehart, novelist.

ber of national house of representatives from

chairman Republican National Committee, suffra-

club woman and writer.

Oklahoma, Indian educator,

gist and author.

"In the second place I do not attack the rattlesnake. And why should 1? He is a bigger creature than I am. I am a good-sized creature, it is true. In fact, I am very long and I'd be considered anywhere a gooddzed snake.

"But Mr. Rattlesnake is not an interesting snake to me. He is too big. prefer nice little snakes of smaller

"I'm not above eating a smaller snake. Oh, no, I'm not above that. And I suppose that is the way the story got about that I attacked the Rattlesnake.

"That is the way with stories. They're founded, perhaps, on just a little scrap of truth, and then they are added to and added to until they're nothing at all like the story was in the first place.

"I suppose some one said that we ate smaller snakes than ourselves. And then the story was spread about and added to until it was said we even ate Rattlesnakes.

"I admit that we do like smaller snakes. We haven't any reason for not liking them. They're very good little snakes; that is, snakes smaller than we are we consider very good. "But we don't go after Rattlesnakes,

We don't like Rattlesnakes. No, no indeed hiss, hiss, hiss, "Then it has been said about us that we go after people and jump for

We keep away from them, hiss, hiss.

them. This is not true at all. "If we are cornered we will fight bravely, but we do not go after peo-

keep out of the way of them. And yet eight women who seem to be popular choices, this untrue story has gone about that we go after people and that we are It is of course a work of supererogation to name very dangerous to them because we go seeking them.

> "I hope that all this gossip will be stopped before long, for it is most "I like to have the truth known

> about me, but I do not like to hear gossip. "I don't gosslp about other snakes and I don't gossip about people. So

> I wish they wouldn't gossip about "I wish that tremendously. I have also heard that I can look at a bird so that the bird doesn't know which

way to move, and that I make the bird stay quite still just by looking at 6-Mrs, Thomas G. Winter, Minneapolis, presi- him. "They say that I do this so as to

apture the bird quite easily.

"But I can't look at a bird so he'll tay quite still. I can't do anything like that. That is a most untrue

"If I looked at a bird he wouldn't tay quite still until I caught him, no, infleed, I know better than that!' "So, everybody, please remember what I've said, and don't gossip about

the poor old Blacksnake. It is most enkind, for what you say isn't true!" The Winner,

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an to stimulate travel.

"Cheese it the cops."-Life.



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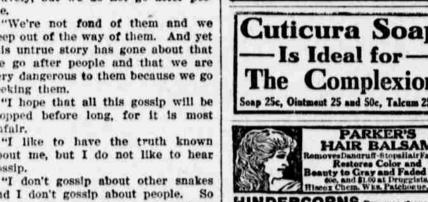
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