

## WEAK ON FINANCE

GIRLS' STUDIES OF MONETARY SUBJECTS NEGLECTED.

Mr. Fotherly's Daughters Are Charming in All Ways, But They Have Strange Ideas as to the Handling of Money.

"Strange ideas of finance our children are likely to have," said Mr. Fotherly. "For one thing, they seem to think we are made of money."

"If they want anything they think, apparently, that all they have to do is to ask their father for the money. That he might have difficulty in supplying all their wants is something that seems never to occur to them, and they don't understand it when sometimes I have to tell them that there is a kink in the exchequer and that I cannot just then honor their demands. But they have other queer ideas about money. For instance:

"We make our two daughters each a weekly allowance of money for their various lesser wants. They spend this money as they go along for many little things, or sometimes they accumulate it until they get enough for some bigger thing that they want, and then they buy that. And then sometimes when the time has come when they want to get this more costly thing they find they haven't accumulated quite enough. They borrow the balance of me. That is to say, they get an advance on their allowance, which they pay back in installments at their convenience.

"The home bank lets them take their time about this, and sometimes they are pretty slow. It is hard, uphill work for anybody to repay borrowed money; I guess we all know that. So we never worry the girls about repaying this borrowed money; we let them take their time about it, and we charge them no interest.

"Then comes along a week when the home bank is pinched a little and when it would be a help to call some amount on these small loans; which we do, when agreed to by the other party, by deducting a sum from the weekly allowance and crediting the same to the account of the loan as an installment in repayment. We don't actually get in any money by this, you understand, but we have to pay out less, and that in the circumstances may be a help. And now what do you think one of my daughters says to me when I make her this proposition?"

"She is ready and willing, in fact glad, to let that deduction from her allowance be made this week, to be credited to the account of her loan, but since this money is going to be a help to me she wants to know if I don't think I ought to allow her some interest on it! I have been out this money all this time, but when she pays any of it back she thinks I ought to pay her something for the use of it! Isn't that bewildering?"

"It is my experience that Mrs. Fotherly is a great economist. She never wastes a penny and she can make a dollar go further than anybody I ever knew; but our daughters, charming girls as they are, have only the haziest notions about finance, and one of these is that money grows in their father's pocket."

### Acquiring Friends.

Acquiring friends and keeping them is the surest way to social success, provided each friend is well marked, so to speak, as being of sterling merit and of the right weight in the social scale. Some people seem born with the knack and right intuition about these most necessary moves, and no matter where they visit will at once slip into the charmed circle from which most newcomers are excluded. When at hotels abroad or at home they always stumble upon the notable, and even royalty traveling incognito will come their way. On all sides they are smiled on and approved. On the other hand, there are many who travel purely for the sake of meeting desirable people, who put up at hotels where royalty is expected and go to all kinds of expense and trouble to dine and wine each new acquaintance, and yet are ever apart. It needs a magic touch to open the portals to friendship and a sympathy that but few really possess.

### Driven Insane by Remorse.

A terrible scene in a cell was described when Mrs. Jane Dupont, a well dressed woman, was charged at a London (Eng.) court with stealing a blouse from a shop in Oxford street, and also with attempting suicide. An inspector said he was called to Mrs. Dupont's cell, and saw her knocking her head against the wall. He found her muffled cord tied tightly round her neck, and she was black in the face when he untied the cord, and was bleeding from the back of the head. Another inspector stated that he was called later by the matron and found the woman bleeding slightly from both eyes. He asked her how she came by the injury, and she said, "I feel that I cannot look my friends in the face again. I must destroy my sight."

### One Condition.

Hortense (the housemaid)—Isn't it a shame that Anna Gould has to go right on supporting Boni de Castellane's parents?

Hildegard (the lady's maid)—Yes, indeed. It's preposterous! And I'm more determined than ever to insist upon one betrothal condition.

"What's that?"

"The count I marry must be a full orphan."

## HEREDITARY IDEA OF SUICIDE

Proof That Mania Runs in Families Has Been Substantiated by Investigation.

With the object of showing the consequences of intermarriage where a suicidal taint exists, and the necessity for imposing some restraint, the Mendel Journal, the organ of the Mendel society, gives an instance of the development of suicidal mania through four or five generations.

Two families lived in the same village and the tradition is that one family was addicted to suicide by drowning and the other by shooting. The tradition is traced back at least five generations, but the actual records of the first generation were not kept.

In the second generation one individual committed suicide by drowning, and in the shooting family there was a case of suicide by shooting. Of that generation a member of the shooting family married one of the drowning family, and of the issue of the marriage one person committed suicide by shooting and another by drowning. There were two normal members of the two families who married, making what is called a cousin marriage. Of the offspring of this union—being the fourth generation in order—one was insane, with suicidal mania, and is still living; two brothers drowned themselves, a fourth poisoned himself, a fifth shot himself and a sixth poisoned himself. A seventh was insane, with suicidal mania, and there are three other normal members of the family who are still living.

The suicidal mania persisted in other branches of what is called the shooting family, and in one of these branches in the third generation there was a member who shot himself. His son also committed suicide in the same way and a third was insane with suicidal mania. Two sisters were normal, but in the next and present generation all the offspring have had suicidal mania.

A Tap from the Dead.

A remarkable incident, bearing almost on the supernatural, was related at an inquest at Whitley Bay, Eng., upon the body of Henry Fairbairn, which was found on the beach there one Sunday morning recently.

The widow related how, when her husband did not return at the usual time on Saturday night, she determined to sit up, and wait for him. About 4 a. m. she was sitting reading a newspaper, and "dozing" alternately, when she was startled by hearing a gentle knocking at the front door.

"This was followed," said Mrs. Fairbairn, "by a tap-tapping at my bedroom window. I at once went out, thinking it was my husband, but I could not see anyone. After that I became very much alarmed about my husband."

It was high tide at Whitley Bay about midnight on the Saturday in question and the fact that Fairbairn's body was found only a few yards below the high water mark shows that the man must have been dead at least four hours before his wife heard the knocking at the door and the tapping at the window.

Tired of It.

John Mitchell, discussing the shirt-waist-makers' strike, said with a smile:

"The employer must remember that working for someone else, for a pittance, is not half as much fun as working for one's self and getting rich."

"But too many employers are like the boatswain of the Sea Horse."

"There was a chap on the Sea Horse whose duty it was to clean out the quarters of the 5000 pigs that formed the ship's cargo. This man, naturally, was kept busy day and night."

"But one morning, on toward the middle of the voyage the captain noticed the pig gentleman leaning listlessly, pipe in mouth, over the rail. So the captain summoned the boatswain."

"Boats," he said, "what's the matter with that pig feller? Why ain't he working?"

"The boatswain looked at the spiritless pig attendant, shook his head, and answered in puzzled tones:

"Blowed if I know what's come over that man lately, sir. Somehow he don't seem to take no pleasure in his work."

Smoking Through the Head.

During the South African war a Boer soldier named Frank Brown was shot in the forehead with a rifle bullet. Strangely enough, it did not kill him, and after the war he secured employment on one of the transatlantic steamers. When fully a year had passed, he complained of trouble in his head, and after a thorough examination the surgeon of the ship decided that the bullet, which had never been removed, must be extracted. This was done, and afterward, for the amusement of his friends, the wounded soldier placed a lighted cigarette in the hole from which the bullet was extracted, and drew the smoke through his nose.

Monocles on Fifth Avenue.

The importation of English styles, which is increasing constantly in this country, has not stopped at mere clothes and manners, says the New York Sun. The use of the monocle is becoming more and more common every day in New York.

"Just watch some bright afternoon along Fifth avenue," remarked a close observer. "You will see dozens of men wearing monocles. In the big hotels at tea time they are especially common. I have noticed that a good many of the young chaps who have taken up the fad do not appear to be wholly at ease with the single glass."

## ART AT \$600 A SQUARE INCH

That Price Has Been Demanded for Drawing by the Famous Leonardo da Vinci.

Let no one say that art does not pay, when right in Fifth avenue it is offered at \$600 the square inch, which is considerably more than the lots that front in that exclusive thoroughfare would bring.

Stroll into the new galleries at 636, and in a dingy little frame, with several other patches, you will see a drawing by Leonardo da Vinci in red chalk. It is only 3 1/4 inches square, and, taking out the trimming of its upper corners, it contains ten square inches.

The price is \$6,000. It is entitled "The Head of a Young Man," and, small as it is, the skill of the Italian painter inspires every line of the tiny masterpiece.

There is not far away a small drawing by Rembrandt, which is there through the courtesy of the new owner, who bought it for \$15,000 before the dealers had a chance to hang it and has permitted it to remain in the show. The drawing, partly in sepia and here and there with a touch of crayon, was intended as a study for a painting and is entitled "Christ and the Two Apostles." It is eight by ten inches.—New York Herald.

## TEACHING THE YOUNG WIVES

City Grocers, with an Eye to Their Own Interests, Show Them How to Arrange Icebox.

"Even grocers are taking a hand in the education of young housewives," said the pretty New York woman. "I did my first marketing last week. The grocer knew I was green. When I had finished buying he said:

"Now, do you know how to arrange things in your icebox to the best advantage?"

"I said I was afraid I didn't. He called a young man from the rear of the store."

"James," he said, "when you deliver this basket of things will you show the lady the most economical arrangement of her refrigerator?"

"Fifteen minutes later white-aproned James was turning my ice chest upside down. He made a place for every thing and said it ought to be kept there, no matter how small the icebox. The meats, for example, should always come between the milk and butter and the fruit and salads. When he finished my refrigerator held about twice as much as I had been able to get into it. Another wondrous phase of the situation was that James refused a tip."

"We make it point," he said, "of showing customers the proper arrangement of an icechest."

Another Food Boycott.

When an olive-colored touring car as big as a coal gondola drew up in front of a stall at the market house there was some lively stepping by the marketeers. The man at the wheel wore a huge bearskin coat that must have set him back \$300; the female occupant was attired in a sealskin that was the exact duplicate of a thousand-dollar bill, while every bark of the big machine proclaimed that it took \$7,000 to pry it loose from its makers. The woman approached the stall.

"How much are strawberries?" she inquired.

"Seventy-five a basket," replied the market man.

"Seventy-five cents!" gasped the woman. "Well! It's simply outrageous the way food products stay up."

And an instant later the sealskin and the bearskin, and the olive-colored car had flounced around the corner in a vanishing cloud of gasoline vapor, and another food boycott was on.—Pittsburg Times-Gazette.

Cracklin' Bread.

In a divorce case at Mexico the plaintiff criticized his wife's cooking and complained at she put "cracklin' bread" before him to eat. His lawyer was laying great stress upon this point and was particularly severe with the wife for serving this homely yet savory bread, which is peculiarly palatable to native Missourians, when Judge Barnett interrupted him with the question:

"Mr. Attorney, did you ever eat 'cracklin' bread?"

"No, sir," came the prompt and somewhat emphatic reply.

"I thought not," said the judge, and there was a ripple of laughter all over the courtroom, which showed that "cracklin' bread" was not foreign to the appetites of those present, including the court.

A Revere Bell.

Gorham, Mass., has discovered in the belfry of the First Parish church a genuine Revere bell. Its inscription reads: "Revere-Boston-1822." Old records show that it cost \$600 and was first rung June 7, 1822. This bell, which has done such excellent service during the last 88 years, is now apparently in perfect condition and rings out as true and clear as in days of yore.

No Royalties Called "Baby."

One noteworthy feature about royalties is that none have been called "baby." From their earliest years the royal children are always called by their names, or possibly by some pet name, but an English prince or princess is never called "baby" either by relatives or by his (or her) nurse. From the age of five a prince is called "sir" by his attendants, and a princess "madam."

## FINE OLD GRASSHOPPER VANE

On Faneuil Hall, Boston—Was Made by One of America's Earliest Wood Carvers.

Perched on the cupola of Faneuil hall, in Boston, is a grasshopper weather vane which is not only one of the oldest vanes in the country but is famous as the product of one of America's earliest wood carvers and artisans, Shem Drowne of Boston.

Drowne's shop was on Ann street, in the north end.

Of the many vanes he made only three are now known to be in existence—the one on the Shepard Memorial church in Cambridge, which formerly was on the steeple of the New Brick church on Hanover street, in this city, and known as the revenge vane; the one in the collection of the Massachusetts Historical society, a relic of the old Boston Province house, and the one on Faneuil hall.

This grasshopper of copper, hammered out by hand, has large, glassy eyes, which in the sunlight shine like fire. It was made in 1742, at the order of Peter Faneuil, when the hall, his gift to the town, was nearing completion, and for the last 167 years it has been a landmark.

It has not, however, lived a life of unbroken peace, for several times it has been near destruction. In 1775, when Boston was shaken by an earthquake, the vane fell to the ground, but after being supplied with a new leg by the son of the man who made it, it was replaced.

Five years later Faneuil hall was seriously damaged by fire, but the vane remained intact, and when the hall was rebuilt the grasshopper was once more given the place of honor.

Another disaster befell it when, in 1889, a flag was being raised to celebrate the anniversary of the evacuation of the city by the British, the hopper hopped to the street below. But in a few days he hopped right back again, and there he has remained ever since, with the exception of an occasional removal for repairs.

## HELD MEETING IN GRAVEYARD

Young Suffragette Proved Her Right to Leadership and Her Fidelity to the Cause.

In a graveyard Miss Inez Milholland, Vassar graduate, suffragette, friend of the working girl, amateur actress and champion female shot-putter, executed her first and one of her cleverest stunts in her campaign of "Votes for Women."

It was during her days at Vassar college, Miss Milholland, on behalf of a band of enthusiastic suffragettes enrolled from the students, had invited several prominent leaders of the cause to address a mass meeting on the college campus. The news of the approaching event reached the ears of the faculty, and President Taylor issued a stringent edict forbidding the gathering. Miss Milholland was not daunted, however. A short distance from the college grounds was a graveyard. Collecting her forces, she moved into the cemetery and the speeches were delivered among the tombstones.—From an article in The World To-Day.

Busy Paris Dressmakers.

This is the period of great excitement in the world of dressmakers. The Rue de la Paix is in a bustle and turmoil from morning till evening; employers and first hands are screaming to lift boys and messengers, who are running wildly up and down stairs. Usually polite managers and obsequious doorkeepers receive even their best clients with scowls of disapproval, for all this unusual disorder and excitement is not on account of their clients. It is the private view which is being prepared—the dress rehearsal, as it were—of the coming season's fashions for the benefit of the buyers from big firms throughout the world—Russia, Vienna, America, London, Germany. These are the spring and summer fashions that are being lavished; it is already too late for the half-season styles. A fortnight hence the elite of society will also be let into their mysteries.

Japanese Day Nurseries.

Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, president of the National Association of Day Nurseries, is shortly to deliver a large number of handkerchiefs as a present to the babies of the day nurseries of Japan. The handkerchiefs were contributed by a Chicago woman. According to Mrs. Dodge's report, there are but two day nurseries in the whole of Japan, and at one of them only two of the 20 babies cared for go home at night. There is a Japanese woman at the head of the institution and the mothers of most of the babies are serving sentences in prison. The other day nursery is in Yokohama and is managed by an English woman. A third is being arranged for in Okayama, a large factory town, by Miss Adams, a missionary, who has recently returned from her American home.

The Umpire at Home.

"Billy Evans sat alone in his home the other evening meditating on the approaching baseball season which means his return to the arduous umpiring pursuit.

He was thinking of a number of vexatious features of his calling, when his thoughts were interrupted by the ringing of the telephone bell. Some woman desired to talk to Evans' wife, who did not happen to be at home.

"She's out!" shouted Evans, absently, in such a thunderous tone that he nearly ruined the poor woman's ear drum.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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