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## YOUNG WOMAN LEADS.

### AMERICAN GIRL IN THE PARIS OBSERVATORY.

Dorothea Klumpke of San Francisco passes over the heads of fifty French scientists—One of a Group of Talented Sisters.



AMERICAN girls for a long time have been carrying off some of the best art prizes in Paris, and the French have grown to accept it as a foregone conclusion that they will continue to do so; but they were taken by surprise when Miss Dorothea Klumpke, a San Francisco girl, won her way into the Paris Astronomical observatory over the heads of the fifty Frenchmen who were competing, and she now has charge of the department which computes the measurements of the stars in the Paris belt, with several young Frenchwomen under her direction. She has a special bureau of her own in the great Observatory garden, and it is covered with ivy and surrounded by flowers. Here Miss Klumpke works eagerly from 9 in the morning till 5 in the afternoon, and frequently at night she stays up in the round tower with her telescope turned scarchingly upon the stars. Her whole life is bound up in her work. She delights in it, and her heart is set on it. Her favorite is the little garden of her bureau, where the snails crawl over the paths and the French roses bloom.



DOROTHEA KLUMPKE.

Her special duty is to photograph all the stars in her belt, and she is now Miss Klumpke went abroad 10 years ago, at the age of 20, and has studied in Germany, Switzerland and Paris. She has a brilliant education, and is a charming and accomplished woman of whom all Americans may well be proud. She has recently been decorated by the French government. She is one of a group of remarkable sisters; Anna Klumpke is a famous portrait painter of Boston, Augusta is a practicing physician in Paris, and Julia, the youngest, a girl of 19, is a most brilliant young lady. They were all born in San Francisco, and educated in the public schools of that city. Their father was born in Holland, and went to America when very young. He settled in the South, but in '49 went West with the gold seekers. Miss Klumpke's great ambition is to finish her immense task in Paris, and to return to her own country to carry on her work in science. She is a firm believer in the astronomical future of America, and feels confident that it will soon lead the world in the great science. Miss Klumpke, in spite of her love for science, has still a woman's fancy for pretty clothes, and dresses in charming taste, her gowns being of her own designing.

### Why Pay Rent.

In his annual report First Assistant Postmaster General Heath declares that the government would effect a considerable saving if it were to purchase outright property conveniently located for its postal stations in the larger cities. Rentals for postal stations in New York city and Brooklyn alone now aggregate \$158,045 per annum. This amount would erect and equip several postal stations annually, dependent of course on the value of the real estate in the particular locality. Competition for the location of stations among the large real estate holders, in the larger cities especially, would be so keen that desirable property could frequently be secured at a nominal figure. "Why," asks Mr. Heath, "should the United States government pay large rentals when an increased appropriation of \$300,000 for ten consecutive years—only double present rents—the government would own the premises occupied by every postal station in the United States? Government buildings are practically free from taxation, yet owners of buildings used for postoffice purposes are obliged to consider this item in submitting proposals." It will be remembered that Mr. Wanamaker when postmaster general, suggested that the money received on deposit in postal savings banks, should be established, be invested in the erection of government buildings, and he showed clearly that it would be a profitable investment for the funds.—New Time.

### Postal Progress.

Sixty-eight years ago, when the postal rate for the transmission of one letter was 25 cents for 400 miles, a former postmaster reports that he had at different times received as a just equivalent for this service, either two bushels of oats, five dozen eggs, four pounds of butter, three bushels of wheat, or one and a third pounds of common wool. It is easy to compare the progress which the postoffice has since made under government direction.

Modern education too often covers the fingers with rings, and at the same time cuts the sinews at the wrist.—Stirling.

## BREAKING ICE TO THE POLE.

### A Russian Admiral Talks to His Subordinates.

Very prompt attention is being given by the Russian admiralty to Admiral Makaroff's scheme of ice-breakers for the gulf of Finland and the frozen ocean, says the St. Petersburg correspondent to the London Globe. Vice-Admiral Makaroff is no inexperienced dreamer. He has held high command in the Mediterranean and Pacific and is recognized as one of the ablest officers in the Russian service. His startling idea of cutting through polar ice in order to reach the pole surpasses in audacity the aeronautical flights of Herr Andreev. For the immediate future, therefore, he wisely intends to confine the application of his theories to the Gulf of Finland and the Kara sea. Capt. Sverdrup, of Dr. Nansen's ship, the Fram, has arrived here at the invitation of Admiral Makaroff to take part in a consultation on the subject at the department of the imperial admiralty and this looks like serious business. It is also stated that a credit of \$1,500,000 rubles is to be forthwith opened for the construction of a large ice-breaker and a number of drawings of such vessels submitted by various firms are already under examination. It is proposed to be ready to make the first experiment in the winter of 1899. Practically this means increased facilities and an increase of English trade with Cronstadt and St. Petersburg, and perhaps with Siberia, at times of the year when British ships are now being kept back or frozen in by the ice; besides which, the building of these powerful ice-breakers is likely to be undertaken only in England, unless the engineering dispute continues to rule the course of properly executing foreign orders. St. Petersburg, the capital of the empire and the nearest port of access to the great manufacturing districts of Moscow, is at present closed to ships throughout the winter. This can be remedied by the ice-breaker of 10,000 horse power, which would be able to cut through ice of the Finnish gulf at a rate of five to seven knots.

## MAORIS BECOMING EXTINCT.

### New Zealand Colored Race Is Fast Succumbing Before the Whites.

From the New York Evening Post.—The Maoris of New Zealand are fast succumbing to extinction in spite of the fact that all the conditions surrounding them appear to be favorable to their survival. The quarrel between the races is ended, and large tracts of land are reserved for them. The young men are educated, 90 per cent. of them being able to read and write. Their chiefs in many cases derive large incomes from rents of land, and are represented in the legislature. A great Maori college stands at Te Aute, Hawke's bay, and not a few of the cleverer Maori youths have passed through the classes of the New Zealand university. And yet the Maoris, under that mysterious law which makes a colored race succumb before the breath of the conquering whites, are passing away. A conference of educated Maoris was held a short time ago, and papers were read on the condition and prospects of the race. These are now published in pamphlet form and make a very melancholy bit of literature. It is declared that 90 per cent. of educated Maoris go back from the schools in mere savagery. The race, these representative Maoris declare, is lower than in morals and in vitality than it has ever yet been, and threatens to perish. Yet physically and intellectually the Maoris—or was—the finest colored race in the southern hemisphere.

## INVENTION TO SAVE COAL.

Economy in household management is a feature which appeals with great force to the feminine mind, and it is the key note struck in the invention of which is herewith illustrated. Like many another useful apparatus, the idea is very simple. It lies in inserting in the fire among the fuel a small cube, by means of which the ingress of fresh air is facilitated, the combustion of fuel being promoted by the



## THE ECONOMIZER AT WORK.

influx of oxygen. In the illustration the apparatus can be seen imbedded, the air passing through the bottom and upward through horizontal slots into the center of the fire. The use of this small aid to combustion is said to enable coke or anthracite (smokeless) coal to be burned in ordinary fireplaces without any alterations.

### Water in the Soil.

The United States agricultural department have found that the fertility of soils depend largely on their capacity for retaining moisture. In many Western localities crops grow luxuriantly with scarcely any summer rain, depending on the water absorbed during winter and retained during the entire summer by the soil. This novel theory is insufficient to account for the presence of so much water as is found perpetually present in the soil of the Mojave and Nevada deserts. It is very thoughtfully possible that the permanent water supply existing at a depth of 40 to 100 feet may be responsible for the ever-present moisture. The effect of forests on rainfall is now under active discussion by several authorities, who differ widely in their conclusions, some holding that forests increase rainfall and others not accepting this view.

### Government Satchel Repair Shop.

The United States maintains a satchel repair shop for the repair of letter carriers' satchels. During the year 1897, 5,742 were repaired at a cost of 22 1/2 cents each, the total expense being \$1,272.25.

## HOUSE YET HAUNTED.

### QUEER MANIFESTATIONS NEAR BARDSTOWN, KY.

Formerly Occupied by the Holders, a Family in a Bad Repose—James Travers, Seeking Cumberland Gap, Disappears There.

Bardstown, Ky., Correspondence Chicago Chronicle: In Rockcastle county, not far from here, on a lonely hill stands a log cabin in a straggled clearing. Deserted, dilapidated, desolate, the place reminds one of a central figure in a weird, uncanny tale, where robbers and bandits are wont to congregate. The windows in the old house are broken, the doors are of their hinges, and the place is reported to be the oldest in that section of the county, having been erected early in the present century by one Ross, and occupied by him and his descendants for many years.

Some years previous to the civil war the house was occupied by a family of the name of Holder. These people bore a bad reputation, and it was conceded by all that there was no crime too mean for them to commit. In addition to being robbers, it was hinted that they were counterfeiters as well. One day the summer of 1859 a stranger, mounted on a splendid horse stopped at a little station known as Brodhead, and made inquiries as to the route to Cumberland Gap. According to a bystander, the stranger said he was James Travers from Ohio, and stated that he was on his way to the mountains where, he alleged, he and his brother were joint owners of a mining interest. He seemed to have plenty of money. A few months afterward Travers' brother appeared in Rockcastle and made inquiries concerning James Travers, whom he had traced that far. Careful investigation disclosed the fact that the missing man had taken the wrong route, as mountains, and had stopped at the house of the Holders. Here all trace of him was lost.

Mr. Travers was convinced that his brother had met with foul play, and that the Holders were more guilty than the missing man than they would tell. He left for Cincinnati to enlist the ser-



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vice of a detective. When he returned the Holders had disappeared. No information could be had regarding them. The old house remained unoccupied a number of years, and then Tom Ross, grandson of the original owner of the place, moved his family into the house. Previous to this, however, strange tales had been circulated regarding the lonely farm. It was haunted, the people of the neighborhood said. Strange lights had been seen number of years, and the loss of the young man, and then Tom Ross, grandson of the original owner of the place, moved his family into the house. Previous to this, however, strange tales had been circulated regarding the lonely farm. It was haunted, the people of the neighborhood said. Strange lights had been seen number of years, and the loss of the young man, and then Tom Ross, grandson of the original owner of the place, moved his family into the house. Previous to this, however, strange tales had been circulated regarding the lonely farm. 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