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WORKING GIRLS OF BOSTON.

Hours of Labor and Their Home Surroundings When the Day's Work is Done.

The Wages Received by Them in Their Various Occupations.

The 15th annual report of the bureau of statistics of labor, just issued from the state printing office, comprises 336 pages of tables exhibiting comparative wages in Massachusetts and Great Britain, and 133 pages concerning the condition of the working girls of Boston, the last mentioned being the first in order, and, we venture to say, the more important part of the work.

The title of the first part of the report, "The Working Girls of Boston," is not a misnomer, there is no authority for giving to the women of this city the designation of all human females, from 13 years up to 75.

The classification table shows that none of the higher and rarer occupations are included in the plan of inquiry; these workers are at work as copyists, restaurant girls, telegraph operators, nurses, bookkeepers, clerks, errand girls, saleswomen, bookbinders, watchmakers, tailors, dressmakers, seamstresses, upholsterers, leather-workers, net-makers, cigar-makers, photograph finishers, printers, paper-box makers, confectionery makers, knitters, weavers, button, brass and blanket makers, etc.

The working hours of these women are commonly from 7 to 8 in the morning to 6 at night; but 92 work over 10 hours a day, and 300 have a shorter day on Saturdays. In the matter of vacations, short Saturdays and absences more or less brief from illness, it is noted that there is as a general thing little or no consideration shown to the working woman, but it is true that in this respect there is probably no unfair discrimination against woman, for it is the case with all the working class.

pay for the week." In some stores the girls are allowed but half an hour for dinner. But 233 of the 1032 had a vacation during the year preceding this inquiry; and but 40 of them received pay during the vacation; many went to visit friends or went home where their expenses stopped.

A few scattered houses, painted a sober brown, rest upon the sands two miles north of this place and constitute the village of Oceanport. The little houses are tenanted by a people whose hardy lives and simple manners contrast strongly with the luxury and gaudy of Long Branch.

The health averages show a general decline of condition; as for instance, 952 were in good health at their beginning of work, and 782 are in the same classification, showing that 170 have fallen in to poorer health; but the average is nevertheless quite satisfactory.

The report says with reason: "Some day the neglect of the natural wants of their employes to adopt convenient and wholesome through their own selfishness and foolishness they now withhold." The report contains interesting details of the personal life of the working woman, and closes with an examination of the common rumor that prostitution finds its recruits among this class.

The report shows that these women are hard-worked and poorly paid; the average weekly earnings of the 1032 working girls of Boston for a whole year are \$4.19, and the average weekly income, including earnings, assistance and income from extra work is \$5.17 for the year.

CONVINCING. The proof of the pudding is not in chewing the string, but in having an opportunity to taste the article direct.

A Right Smart Western Town. From the New York Sun. "Yes, sir," said an enthusiastic citizen of a new western town; "we've got a right smart town, stranger. Why," he continued, impressively, "it's only six months old, yet it's got two hotels, forty-eight beer saloons, twenty-seven gambling places, four drug stores, to say nothing of grocery and other stores and the best half-mile track west of the Missouri."

ORIGIN OF AMMONIA. Ammonia is obtained in large quantities by the putrefaction of the urine of animals. Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Asking too Much of Him. New York Sun. "My dear," said a wife to her husband, "suppose a party of men should break into the house some night when you are away, and abduct me, what would you do?"

EXCITEMENT. "What causes the great rush at Schrotter & Becht's Drug Store?" The free distribution of sample bottles of Dr. Bosanck's Cough and Lung Syrup, the most popular remedy for Coughs, Colds, Consumption and Bronchitis now on the market. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00.

The Broken Bank. New York, August 13.—President Evans of the Wall Street bank said this morning that the state examiners were still endeavoring to get to the bottom of the matter. Some statements and published in regard to the amount lost by Dickinson, and the manner in which he lost it, Evans said, were true and others not. The two women named in Dickinson were in Canada. All excitement in regard to the suspended bank has now died out.

A REAL ENOCH ARDEN.

He Comes Home to Die After Ten Years' Absence and Finds His Wife Wedded to his Former Rival.

New York Times. A few scattered houses, painted a sober brown, rest upon the sands two miles north of this place and constitute the village of Oceanport.

A pathetic story, closely resembling the story of Enoch Arden and Annie Lee has recently been disclosed upon a death-bed in this quiet and primitive village.

The story, as related by Samuel, divided the simple minded folk but little, and the tongue of gossip has scarcely touched upon it. The history had not been gathered by bits. The work was not an easy one since those who knew it best manifested a disposition to talk the least.

POSTAL AUXILIARIES. Workings of the Telegraph and Telephone and Savings Bank Departments.

In the course of a review of the annual report of the postmaster-general of the United Kingdom, the London Times of July 28, says: "The increase in the gross telegraph revenue in the great year is not nearly so great as that of the preceding twelve months, probably a much surer index of the state of trade than the increase or decrease of correspondence.

The savings bank continues to give the same remarkable proof of its adaptation to the wants of the population. Nearly a quarter of a million of additional depositors had recourse to the bank during 1883, one in every nine persons in England and Wales being now a customer.

Recent changes in the postal order arrangements make an alteration of the denominations of orders, and allow stamps, to the number of five, to be affixed to the back of an order, and any broken amount up to a pound may now be sent by means of two orders as most, while at the same time the poundage has been reduced, so that in no case will the cost of sending money in this manner exceed two-pence or two-pence halfpenny.

The Great Shaft Didn't Shake. WASHINGTON, [Special].—Fears were expressed to-day that yesterday's earthquake had damaged the Washington monument, which is now five hundred feet high. Capt. Davis, assistant engineer in charge of construction, said when questioned: "The plummets hanging from the top of the monument to the bottom did not measure the slightest deviation. The most minute examination failed to show any change in the position of the structure. We measure the one sixty-fourth part of an inch, about the size of a common horse hair, but there was not even that much movement."

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