

CREATION'S BETTER HALF

And Panacea for the Education of Womankind.

THE FUTURE OF THE FAIR GRADUATE

Projected Congress of Newspaper Workers—Marked Improvement of the Girl of Today—Spring and Summer Fashions—Feminine Personalities.

To the woman who ten, twenty, or thirty years ago left her school days behind her the girl graduate is always a charming object of thought and solitude. She represents what the elder woman used to be. In her wistful outlook on the future, her impulsiveness, her belief in the good things life has to offer, her emotional intensity, and her possibilities all untold, she is what her sister or her mother once was.

No one can predict precisely what will be the outcome of her present forces, says Harper's Bazar. In the old-fashioned days, sweet in memory as lavender sprigs in a linen chest, marriage and motherhood seemed the most desirable goals for a woman in the flower of youth. The bud of maiden beauty was to unfold into the perfect rose of matrimony and wifely dignity.

Her choice of a dozen remunerative professions awaits the fair graduate of the end of the century. She may be almost anything she wills to be, the single bar to her advancement lying not in any opposition placed in her pathway by the other sex, but in her own possible lack of pluck, patience, or perseverance. Her admirable qualities must be such if she would win success as a breadwinner, or wear laurels as among the world's foremost toilers. Many a girl lamentably fails because she is lacking not in cleverness, but in thoroughness, and class-room ability is not always the ability which steps to the front in the field of life.

We are not ashamed to confess that we cannot place any profession on so high a plane, in our estimation, as that of making a good man's life happy, and bringing up a child lovingly and well. Wife and mother are queenly titles. No other profession ranks with these when love opens the door for them in a woman's life.

We feel, too, a little doubtful whether it is best for a woman to combine in her own person the offices of house-mother and breadwinner. The woman who must earn money and at the same time keep house, nurse babies, sew up seams, manage servants and attend to the complex affairs of an establishment is to be pitied. She has far too much for one pair of hands to do. But this opens another question.

She is known as Fly Rod, but her name is Cordelia T. Crosby, and she lives on Rangely Lake, Me. She thus describes herself: "I am a plain woman of uncertain age, standing six feet in my stockings. I have earned my bread for a good many years as a bank cashier. I scribble a bit for various sporting journals, and I would rather fish any day than go to heaven."

Miss Crosby finds sport for this statement in her prowess with the rod, having made a record of fifty-two trout in forty-four minutes with the fly. When Fly Rod goes fishing she wears stout boots, reaching nearly to the knees, a navy blue serge suit with blouse waist, a skirt of medium length, and a red felt hat. On the other side of the skirt is a series of hooks and eyes, by means of which she can shorten her dress to her boot tops without tramping and fishing and restore its length when she comes again into the region of town or camp. Fly Rod is well known among the distinguished fishermen who have gone to Rangely lake for sport. One morning, when the Maine Press association was camping in the Maine woods, Miss Crosby went out before breakfast and caught trout enough for the meal. In recognition of that a gold watch, on which was engraved a picture of the fly, was given to her. Miss Crosby's rod weighs four and one-half ounces and her outfit cost \$125. She is a great walker, and says that the secret of her twenty-mile tramps without fatigue is in stopping every ten minutes for rest.

Women will take a prominent part in the general press congress of the World's fair, which will begin May 22 in the auditorium of the new Art building. This congress is to be composed of actual newspaper workers, both men and women. At first two congresses were designed, one for men and one for women, but the executive committee decided that press women of the country be invited to take any part in the general press congress which they should desire. It was decided, also, that women of the press conduct one evening session of the general congress on May 24, and in addition to this one woman be invited to address the congress at each evening session.

Four morning sessions will be conducted exclusively by women for the discussion of papers and topics peculiarly pertinent to the practical side of the newspaper work of women. Numerous papers will be read and discussed, the longest not to exceed twenty minutes, and at each congress there will be addresses from six or eight of the women present. These papers will be followed by brief discussions from the floor. Mrs. Layden W. Bates of Chicago is chairman of the committee on entertainment, and entertainment has already been secured for the women on the program during the Press congress, the morning women of the city having tendered their houses during that week. Among these are Mrs. John C. Conley, Mrs. J. Nevins Hyde and others. The local members of the National Press League have heartily promoted and assisted in bringing about this promising program, and on Wednesday evening of May 24 will give a grand reception to visiting newspaper women at their headquarters in the Auditorium hotel, at which Mrs. Potter Palmer and Mrs. Charles Henshaw will receive with the committee.

It strikes me very forcibly that the American girl of today is taller, stronger and better looking than her immediate predecessor of ten years ago, and considering what havoc the American beauties abroad have done, there is no predicting the destruction they may be destined to spread in the future, writes Marion Crawford in the Ladies Home Journal. I say this merely in passing, since no one who knows the world well would think of comparing beauty with charm in the army of woman's weapons. True beauty necessarily belongs to one of a certain number of types. The charm of charms lies in the pleasing that escapes definition as completely as the odor of the wood-violet in the spring, or the sensation produced by a strain of rare music. Perhaps it is true, after all, that charm is but real womanliness; and if this be admitted it is no wonder that the American woman has more than she used to have. Some-

thing of the vast overefficiency which overflowed our society in the sudden fermentation resulting from great political and social changes has begun to subside. The congenial elements have found each other and are uniting in their due proportion. The men have been waiting patiently, slowly, surely, to their own places.

The average height of women is 5 feet 2 inches, but rarely does one find a house in a city or country in which any attention has been paid to this fact in arranging the closets. The closets are usually placed about six feet from the floor and above them is placed a shelf which is almost useless, unless a woman mounts on a chair every time she wishes her bonnet or shawl. In the ideal closet the hooks are only four and one-half feet from the floor and the shelf two or three inches above it. The closet should be supplied with yokes, as clothing of all kinds keeps in much better shape when hung on yokes. The floors of closets should be covered with a material that will be filled up, that dust may not collect there.

Putty, plaster of paris, or even finely shredded newspaper may be used to fill up the cracks. Make a paste of the paper by adding hot water and a little glue. Plaster of paris is simplest and most satisfactory for the purpose. Mix the powder with enough cold water to make the paste of the right consistency to spread and then fill in the cracks. After the plaster is dry and the cracks are smoothed, make it look smooth and neat. In closets devoted to shelves the shelves should have spaces between them of not more than fifteen inches, this space allowing sufficient room for most practicable work. The shelves should be neatly covered with sheets of white wrapping paper, and the coverings should be frequently removed and dusted. Great care should be taken to guard against moths in a closet where woolen clothing is kept. The shelves should be frequently washed, and the clothing aired and brushed.

Satin, as a fabric for evening gowns on maidens, can no longer shimmer with the brilliancy of being first in the field of favor. A humbler rival with modest colors has entered the contest and bids fair to win the favor of the ephemeral summer girl.

The indications may be summed thus: Satin is extremely popular, but they have begun to appear in "marked discounts" and upon bargain counters at great reductions; in the place where the satins used to be displayed crepons, silk crepons, wool crepons, and mixed silk and wool crepons upon the bargain counters there is none, which is the surest test of the status of a fabric.

Some of the colors are extremely summer-like and pretty, especially the soft grays, wood violets, apple greens, heliotropes and petunia shades. Of these cool colors is most sought for, partly because it is so youthful and partly because its possibilities for combination are unlimited.

Rose and turquoise blue, lavender, yellow—indeed, all the desultory shades of the rainbow are to be seen in the falling lengths of crepon to make effective and girlish gowns, which are worn, none the less, by girls who have been out many a summer season.

The line of charity in which Mrs. Cleveland interests herself is a peculiarly sweet and interesting one, for it is devoted to bringing the lives of little children, before little Ruth came into her life, says the New York Sun. Mrs. Cleveland was interested in the scheme of founding free kindergartens for poor and neglected children, and she was especially interested in the kindergarten society of which Richard Watson Gilder is president, and which has established nearly a dozen free baby schools in the slums of the city. And next to her interest in children Mrs. Cleveland's greatest interest is in her mother's welfare.

On certain afternoons of the week these poverty-stricken mothers gather in little groups in different parts of the city and talk about helpful household topics over a cup of tea. Women especially trained for the work preside over these meetings and lead the conversation in the right channels. "Teach them how to live," said Mrs. Cleveland, while giving directions at one of these "mothers' meetings." I teach them that there is a right way and a wrong way of doing things, and make them realize that the children which are sent them straight from the hand of God must be trained to go back to Him."

For traveling the beige, putty and biscuit cloths, which do not show dirt, are preferred. It seems a mistake to overload the cape, and for this reason the cape with collarette made of different material or handsomely adorned has a less cumbersome look than triple capes. The very full capes of black satin trimmed with numerous folds and bands and having a shoulder cape are certain to become popular.

There is an intimation that scarfs are to be fashionable. The scarfs of the king of a scarf, as the wearing of a shawl, is a triumph of feminine grace. The adjustable wraps that have been worn for some scores of years and required no further attention after they were buttoned or tied, removed a great responsibility from women, which our grandmothers frankly assumed and carried off. These scarfs, it is said, will be of gauze silk or of the material of the gown, and are to be worn so as they will not obscure the dainty and adornment of the body, on which so much attention is now bestowed.

sonal property, and to equalize the share to which husbands and wives shall be entitled in the estate of a deceased partner.

In Pennsylvania the house bill rendering women eligible to the office of notary public has been finally passed.

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Mrs. Laura de Force Gordon, a leading lawyer on the Pacific coast, has filed papers, endorsed by prominent men of her state, for the consulship of Honolulu. Mrs. Gordon is a prominent advocate of woman suffrage, and has frequently taken part in democratic campaigns. Testimonials from the chairmen of the democratic committees of Utah, Wyoming and Nebraska certify to her value in the last campaign, and, on account of her claim that her husband's death should have careful consideration. As a bride Mrs. Gordon accompanied her husband to the front, and as a volunteer nurse earned official mention in the war record for bravery and skill. After her husband's death she engaged in journalism, which she resigned for the study and practice of law. She was the second woman to be admitted to the supreme court of the United States, and was instrumental in changing the law of California to admit women to the bar.

Hood bonnets for children are of chiffon, tulle, and having narrow ruffles standing up on the front piece; their trimming is lace, and they are the perfection of airy summer hoods. Children's hats have oblong crowns an inch and a half high, from which dounces of lace, often six inches wide, droop with only the support afforded by the body of the lace or by invisible wires. Gingham hats are shirred on cords set in groups, and at half-inch intervals. Wide brims prevail in these hats and ruffles of embroidery on the brim edge. The crowns are cone-shaped, the beehive or dome, the large Tam, and a crown high and sloping, with a tiny Tam perched on top. Wide strings of ribbon are fastened at the sides. The broad strings are on hats of crepe and fancy straw.

A bevy of charming New York bridesmaids last week wore empire costumes of the richest yellow tulle, with deep yellow satin, with immense fichu-like bretelles of green velvet and soft vests of primrose yellow tulle, crossed and recessed with orange satin ribbons, which fastened at the left side with many standing empire buttons.

The ex-Empress Eugenie, whose tiny feet are locked in the last of the most fastidious slippers, is suffering much from gout and rheumatism. It is said that Mrs. Frederick Vanderbilt gives so much in charity that she has less money to spend on her own adornment than many of her relatives. During 1892 300 women took scholastic degrees in various examinations in England and Ireland, sixty-one of which had been placed in the first division of the London university.

Miss Annie Wilson Patterson, director of the Dublin Choral union, is one of the two women doctors of music in the British empire. She has made something of a name for herself as a composer.

Mrs. Mary A. Riddle, for many years known as the real estate queen of Atlantic City, died recently after an illness of several weeks. She was in her 59th year. Almost every title in the lower portion of Atlantic City, beginning at Lewis avenue, goes back to her.

Mrs. Anna Potter, late candidate for mayor of Kansas City, Kan., is a lighter from the headwaters of Bitter creek. The other day she told Chief of Police Quarles that she always stood up for her rights. "Why, this morning," she added, "I broke an umbrella over a man's head because he tried to override me. Wasn't I right?"

Mrs. Brochard, superintendent of the Lenox hospital, has received the ribbon of the legion of honor for faithful service during the cholera epidemic. She is such a diligent worker that she could not have refused to wear the insignia openly, but concealed the red ribbon beneath a fold of her dress, insisting that she had no better right than those around her to be singled out for the honor.

Two essential things to be avoided just now are the adoption of very fanciful and overloaded hats and bonnets and the adoption of the peculiar and exceedingly striking contrasts of color in dress and millinery, both of which are inappropriate and unbecoming to the majority of women. Crinoline also, except in the hands of a skilled dressmaker, has a most unattractive effect.

Waists and blouse corsages, differing in kind, and often in color, from the skirts with which they are worn, will be very plentiful next season. Handsome ones are made of soft textiles, such as sarah crepeline, crepe de chine and silk, in dark colors, and also in delicate tints, especially mauve, straw, buff and deeper yellow shades. Old rose, pink and ciel blue. For evening wear lace is used to trim.

Short Talks About Women. Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox is said to have one fan in matters of dress, and that is for empire gowns.

Florence Nightingale, who took her first name from the city of her birth, will be 73 years old next month. The typewriter girl is an exception. What other woman alive would stand so much talking to and not answer back.

Mrs. Robert G. Ingersoll receives almost as many letters as her husband, and most of the letters inclose religious tracts.

Mrs. Pierpont Morgan's correspondence, social and benevolent, is so large that she is obliged to employ a private secretary.

Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, widow of Senator Hearst, proposes to establish a home for destitute boys on a farm of 450 acres near San Francisco.

Two girls who went to Europe by themselves last year and saw something of Ireland, of Wales, and of the beauty of rural England, spent two weeks in London, three in Paris, went through to Genoa, did some Alpine climbing and saw the prettiest Swiss towns, went to Germany, down the Rhine, and to Brussels and Antwerp. They spent \$150, including every expense. Their trip lasted three months.

Neapolitan straw hats will again be worn this summer. Some new skirts have a very wide box plait at the middle of the back.

A man was arrested in New York and fined \$5 for forcibly kissing six girls on the street. This fixes the value of a New York girl's kiss at 87 cents.

Plato said that all dancing ought to be an act of religion. There are girls dancing with whom seem to be the young men to be a sort of religious duty.

TALK OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Boston Transcript: A little boy, son of the most exemplary parents, wanted a bicycle and kept the matter constantly before the consideration of the family purchasing agent. His mother told him to pray for the desired gift, and that night a petition was sent up in the most persuasive of childish voices. While the little fellow slept a tricycle was smuggled into his room and placed beside his bed. In the morning the father and mother were concealed within hearing to learn how the little hopeful would accept the answer to his prayer. He rolled over, fastened his staring blue eyes upon the miraculous appearance and in a surprised tone said: "Good gracious, Mr. Dad, don't you know the difference between a bicycle and a tricycle yet?"

Indianapolis Journal: From his earliest years the genuine small boy evinces an extraordinary relish for horrible tales. Like "Budge and Toddy," he likes them "buggy," and the more "buggy" the better he enjoys himself. A Tennessee street mother, who has recently been reading the life of Mary Queen of Scots aloud to her husband in the evening, was tucking her small son in bed the other night, when he requested, as usual, "another story."

She said she believed she had already told him all she knew.

"Well," said the terrible youngster, "read me some out of that book about Mary Queen of Scots getting her head cut off and the blood running down her back."

Rochester Union: A little maid of 5 the other morning watched her mother and a dressmaker during the interesting proceeding of trying on a new gown. The sleeves, as a matter of course, received much attention. At length she said to the mother and the dressmaker: "Miss Blank, I'm going to make you a pair of sleeves." The dressmaker thanked her, and the little maid added: "Yes, and I'm going to hitch a dress to them." And that is about the way it is done now.

The little girl had seen an electrical display in which some very beautiful floral shapes in lamps were shown.

"No," she asked.

"Why?"

"We have no electric plant."

"Oh, Papa, how often does an electric plant bloom?"

Old Gentleman—What are you crying about, my little man?

The Little Man—Cause I have been 'tillin' round cuttin' ballots out of the newspapers to send teacher to the World's fair, and I thought she was a good right away. And now I've found out she don't mean to go until vacation.



Johnny had a seed cake and was employing himself industriously picking out the seeds.

"Johnny, Johnny," said his mother, "what in the world are you doing there?"

And Johnny answered: "Pulling out the tacks."

"Say, mamma, is heaven beautifuller than Aunt May's parlor?"

"Oh, ever so much, Johnnie."

"Well, then, I don't want to go there."

"What! Why not?"

"Cause everything'll be too good to sit on."

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I WAS FAT.

I FELT MEAN.

I TOOK PILLS.

I TOOK SALTS.

I GOT LEAN.

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