

IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

SOME ALFRESCO TABLEAUX.

Pretty and Easily Arranged Country House Entertainment.

As the summer advances and house parties are in full swing, out of door entertainments make up the season's functions.

In giving tableaux in the open air the time selected should be evening, when the stars lend their presence to the scene, and on nights when there is an absence of moonlight.

To make things run smoothly the articles used for the scenery of these simple affairs should be the property of a few and taken care that no confusion will follow.

The Haymakers—In the center of a large space a stump of a big tree can be covered with grass or hay, which serves as a table for a pair of water.

The Vestal Virgins—For this tableau the cotton sheet does duty as a Grecian drape, each one artistically hung on the four or five young girls taking part.

While the Cat's Away, the Mice Will Play—By a few draperies fastened to the back ground the effect of a room can be gained.

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keeps its annual dues at \$3, so that no woman sympathizing with its object shall be debared because of undue expense.

Relations were established with them and through united effort the city now has the largest collection of articles of scientific and historical value.

The city improvement committee, directed by Mrs. Blanche L. McKelvey, conducts a work indicated by its name.

In accordance with this arrangement there now exist fourteen departments. Three of them are composed of students of English, German and French history; there is a French conversation class; also a department of philosophy and ethics.

The club is a warm supporter of the State Federation of Clubs and a member of the General Federation, claiming special honor from the fact that one of its members is serving a second term on the directory of that body.

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more than a yard and a half. They were also wide and voluminous.

A woman, whom her tombstone designated as a "musician," had on a cloak of orange-colored linen; her dress of purple cloth was embellished with red and green fringes and borders; the collar was beautifully embroidered, also the sleeves. She wore a red leather belt and a linen skirt, with fine, colored insertion. Her tan shoes were decorated with gold.

The Romans believed that persons departing in their new abode, and therefore provided the dead with means of earning a livelihood. This musician's grave contained a bronze lyre, castanets, and a box of organs, some of the latter still intact.

The graves of two circus riders were likewise unearthed—each containing, besides the corpse, what was left of a leather saddle—not a side saddle, by the way. The leather work on the boots of all the ancient women is very beautiful; they could not do better in Vienna or Russia today.

The graves of the men contained all sorts of implements, besides arms. One of the ancient corpses must have been a literary man when in flesh, for he was accompanied

by a full outfit of writing material, ink, stylus, parchment and books of reference. A thing which M. Gayet could not understand was the fact that all the men had black and all the women had yellow hair.

The Lyons Chamber of Commerce is so much interested in the silk finds that it has agreed to pay further excavations in the same spot.

WOMAN'S NEWEST TALENT.

Cycling Has Taught Fair Ones the Best Way to Strike a Match.

The bicycle has been charged, and not without reason, with creating greater freedom for women and modifying the proprieties of conduct between the sexes.

Scratching a match on their skirts, just like a man does on his trousers. This accomplishment since time immemorial has been on par with climbing a tree and throwing a stone as among the strictly masculine attainments impossible for women.

The domestic life of this exceptional woman has been greatly blessed in later years by the devotion of a son and daughter, with whom she spent many happy years in protracted visits when the romantic nest on the banks of the river was given over to a household care-taker, when the colored people she loved swarmed in and out like happy children.

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On Review Sunday everybody goes to church, and after service there is a church parade in every village, when the youths and maidens gaze upon each other, but forbear to speak.

On Decision Sunday each bachelor, who is seeking a wife approaches the maiden of his choice with a ceremonious bow, and

from her manner of responding judges whether his advances are acceptable. Further Sunday the consent of the parents is sought; the betrothal is celebrated during the week. Not till Possession Sunday, however, do the twin appear before the world as actual or prospective brides and grooms.

A HISTORIC AMERICAN.

Busy and Useful Career of the Late Mrs. E. D. E. Southworth.

Mrs. Emma Southworth, who was one of the original abolitionists of that eventful period preceding the civil war—when to be an abolitionist was almost as dangerous as to be a runaway slave—was the author of nearly 100 American novels, the first woman to have a serial story republished as a novel.

Perhaps no other woman made both fame and fortune without changing in any way her manner of living and working for so many years from a quiet life of the river valley.

So fond were the soldiers of Mrs. Southworth that at the close of the war it was customary for military men visiting Washington to go over to the Georgetown hotel and call on the writer, who did not, however, appreciate her popularity, and would keep out of the way if possible.

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An Improved Bicycle Lock, patented by a Colorado man, has the crank shaft, recessed at several places, with a key-operated mechanism in the tube under the saddle, which moves a small rod, having a head at the lower end to fit in one of the notches in the shaft.

An Englishman has designed an automatic tester which presents the eggs in a single row to the rays of a lamp for examination, having an endless chain of carriers which draw the eggs slowly over a sliding opening in the top of the chamber containing the light.

A link cuff button without springs has been patented, consisting of a short shank attached to each head of the button, with a projection on one shank and an L-shaped slot on the other, to lock the telescopic portions in the pressure of the cuff holding them in place.

Mops are easily wrung by a new patent attachment, formed of a pair of brackets fastened on opposite sides of the pall and held in place by a screw which enters the ends of sliding plates, operated by a foot lever to draw a pair of rollers together and squeeze the cloth.

Two Pennsylvania men have patented an electric fan of small size, comprising the usual motor and blades contained in a casing, with a handle on one side by which the fan is held in the hand, a thumb-controlled switch completing the circuit from within entering the rear end of the handle.

A new detachable grip for bicycle handle bars has an expandable sleeve, with a cone inside and a cap at the end, a screw being set in the latter to draw the cone into the sleeve and grip the interior of the bar, while the outer portion of the grip is attached to the rim of the cap.

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