### Gossip and Stories for and About Women Folks

Land of Women's Clubs. has this to say about women's clubs:

growth and development, and the number unavowed, is the strongest incentive to terior decorator who has studied the subof women's clubs now in existence. To take their becoming members. the single state of California the Federation all the other states, includes the enormous nounced as the subjects for study and disnumber of 10,000 clubs; In the eastern states cussion these two countries. Characteristic there are but few men's clubs compared of American methods, one club exhausted with the number in this country, but in the whole subject in two meetings, finishany state in the union there are more ing off Japan historically, politically, so-

jects from those usually associated with of the country being dissected." the word club in this country. It is true that there are a few clubs, mostly in New York and Boston, where raison d'etre is apavalanche of other ideas.

of the women who compose them.

clubs; but social conditions being so very lower middle class-are able to devote a get inte 'society,' joining a club appears the easiest method of gratifying it.

"The buildings of the richest of these clubs will compare favorably with any of our best men's clubs in London. They are luxuriously and sumptuously furnished and upholstered, and possess-curiously enough

printed declarations of the aims and objects of their being include the study, discussion and analysis of living and dead authors, Shakespeare and Browning being certainly the most favored authors. Just lately Mr. George Bernard Shaw's works have been announced for study and discussion in one New York club. He has not yet crossed the Rockies.

"There are painters', poets' and play-

"It may be supposed that only the wealthler women are members of these istence," she says, "is quite unknown to different, American women-even of the women." good deal of time to their clubs. The custom of living in apartments and buying all Baltimore Herald. "They look upon a man ite, when used with a plaque shelf, which food ready cooked gives the wives of the In business, for instance, as a being who is possibly curved, eight inches wide at

-liveried men servants. "About one-half of the clubs in their

Superfluous Hair De Miracle

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Land of Women's Clubs. wrights' clubs. Clubs for the gathering of ranks with needs of the room as regards. HE American woman's genius for old china and for the preservation of his-light and air. Yet there are many simple admiration from the London Mail, ing women the arts and crafts, including suitable fabrics.

"When war was declared between Russia Women's Clubs, which is affiliated with and Japan a large number of the clubs anwomen's clubs than there are men's clubs clally, artistically and musically in one in the whole of England, excluding London, evening, and Russia on the following even-"This movement is a comparatively re- ing. Each aspect of the country under discent one in the state, because although a cussion was treated by a different indifew societies date as far back as 1865, the vidual, after which any other member was vast majority have come into being within allowed to criticise, applaud, reprobate, the last twenty years. The majority of babits these clubs have very different aims and ob. habits, customs or manners of the natives

#### Happiness and the Sexes.

"Who has the best time-a man or a proximately the same as those on this side woman?" Over in England they have been of the water, but the basic idea of the discussing this question recently, and, women's clubs in the United States is sup- strange as it may seem, the majority of posed to be the emancipation of what has women have voted against their sex in been called-perhaps ironically-the softer favor of unlucky man. Masculinity, most sex. The phrase-supposed to be-is in- of them argue, means freedom, independtended to indicate that in most of the clubs ence, an escape from the petty things of the basic idea is rather apt to be over- life and a general good time. With one looked-shall we say?-or buried under an exception, in truth, all of the fair disputants who have taken leading parts in "Although the collective fundamental the discussion have leaned, more or less, idea of these clubs be the emancipation of to this view. That exception is "John the female sex their ostensible aims and ob- Oliver Hobbes" (Mrs. Craigie), a woman jects vary almost as much as the characters of unusually keen observation and originality.

"The hardship of men's competitive exwomankind. They never speak of it to

"Women are prone to underestimate the is a moment rarer still when he does not ambitions of some other man."

Hard Problem for the Judge.

question at Issue

pacity. She is a stepsister of the wife of used. Joseph Nathan. Joseph used to deal in clothing in the village of Sharon, Pa., but went into the hands of a receiver, George Sapper by name, and it was the receiver's attorney, Charles Sachs, who had the temerity to raise the issue and fearlessly introduced the question of a stocking's capacity into what would otherwise have been a very humdrum case.

Creditors of Nathan, who filed a petition serted that after he knew himself to be insolvent he disposed of his stock to Mrs. Hirsovitz.

When the petition was filed there were hints of collusion, and Attorney Sachs was telling the court some of the evidence he got from Mrs. Hirsovitz when he asked her about how she happened last August to leave Baltimore, where her husband had died, to go to Sharon and purchase the store from Nathan. Sachs said:

"She told me that she had written to her brother, Mr. Lascovitz, in Sharon, to ask if he knew of a business she might get hold of, and it was in this way that she happened to go to Sharon. She said she had the money before her husband died. and she also said she had it left to her by him. I asked her to explain this, and she said that when he died she knew what he had was hers.

"She told me that she paid \$1.747 for the store; that she counted out the money at the time of the purchase, and that it was all in cash-\$1,000 in bills and \$747 in gold and silver coin. She said she took it all out of her stocking. While I cannot claim to be an expert in such matters, this stateent in itself seems unreasonable; but. of course, I don't know just how much ash such a receptacle will carry.

"You take \$30 in gold-a double eagleand it will weigh an ounce. Now, \$740 will, at that rate, providing the money is all in gold, excepting the \$7, be thirty-seven ounces, which is over three pounds to start with. If the \$7 was in silver it would make about three and one-half pounds of coin altogether, besides the bills. It looks far

And with that Mr. Sachs looked triumphantly at the court. But his honor is resourceful. He did not propose to be entrapped so easily into compromising himself and his long record for judicial acumen by any hasty answer, so he said 'Maybe she had it in a separate stocking. Maybe she did not carry it with her."

"No, sir; she told me she carried it in the same stocking with her-that is, the same stocking that she wore," replied the attorney, "and told me, too, that she carried it that way all the five years that she had had it. I suggested that the stocking must have worn out often, and she said they did wear out, but she bought pretty strong ones."

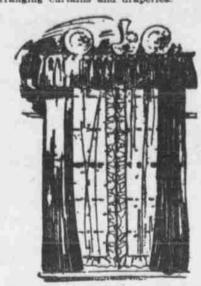
The judge was silent. He was very busy holding his peace. But he took the papers. while the pretty widow blushed and looked down at her feet.

Braping For Effect.

organization draws a tribute of torical trees and buildings. Clubs for teach- ideas which may be easily carried out in

Mr. Harmsworth's paper. That wood carving and book binding. There is Of course, the drawing-room windows are admirer of Yankee institutions a club which is trying to resuscitate the not subjects for individual effort. The style use of the ancient spinning wheel, but for these is set by tradition. The various "In that asionishing country, America, whatever be the ostensible aim of each club appropriate periods for drawing rooms there is perhaps nothing more astonishing the social side is that which appeals most have strictly set limitations, and niceties of than the women's club movement, its to the members, and whether avowed or arrangements at the command of the inject, and beyond which decoration cannot go without being bisarre, eccentric, impossible. Good taste and good decoration go together.

These strictures, placed on the formal or period window, do not apply to the modern room, where free play to individuality is admissible, provided it is within the limits of appropriateness and utility. The family living room, those rooms not decorated in period style, the informal bed chambers of the house-these give considerable freedom in the methods of arranging curtains and draperies.



achieves large profits from small exertions the center and three Inches wide at each plenty of spare time, and many American and entirely escapes the dull, plodding end. Side curtains and valance are made women being devoured by an ambition to routine of housekeeping and children-rear- of the same materials. Such a valance as ing that they must face. As a matter of we show is especially appropriate with fact, the average man, whether he be a the hinged colonial window. This arbank president or a day laborer, spends rangement is completed by an innovanine-tenths of his time performing drudgery tion in the shape of ruffled, flat-hung of the most depressing sort. It is a rare curtains of white Swiss muslin. The side moment when he is not compelled to do curtains are red-hung, and may be drawn something that he doesn't want to do. It together to serve the purpose of a blind. Where a bedroom is fitted with large

find himself in conflict with the aims or windows, the valance is usually too near the celling to permit its use as a shelf, to hold pottery or plaques, and the side curtains may be brought down to the floor, Judge Buffington of the United States as illustrated. The window surface may be district court at Pittsburg, Pa., is con-covered daintly by three sets of figured fronted with a case which makes him Swiss draw curtains, hung on two or three blush. Whether a young, healthy and brass rods attached to the window sash handsome woman can carry \$1.747, almost and casement, the lower rod being attached half of it in gold and sliver, around for to the sash, and the others to be immovalmost five years in her stocking is the able. Cretonne or other figured fabrics may be used as the over-draperies in this Mrs. Dora Hirsovitz is the young and window, and the arrangement looks esperetty widow who claims this stocking ca- cially well when unpatterned papers are



In the case of a room heavily shaded by veranda or trees, as much light as possible must be introduced to the apartment. The take on a particularly character. The valance may be piped and rod-hung, as in the arrangement sketched, and the side curtains are narrow, cut on the bias to widen the aperture at the base of the window. Between the side curtains and close to the glass itself, a pair of bonne femme curtains gather and diffuse the light.



vexatious distance. Appropriate character looped at the left and right corners of the

lambrequin frame and governed by cords which appear at the right side of the window. By loosening these cords the side hangings fall together and act as a shade. Two simple bonne femme curtains hang against the glass, hiding the back of the ismbrequin and covering the whole window surface, as seen from the street. Such a treatment as this is suitable for a full

shade during the daytime.

seen from the outside of the house.

once they are placed in situ. All work o

this character should be done by a skilled

decorator.-Interior Decoration, New York.

A Feminine Sin.

"When women wear clothes that fasten

in the back and can't afford a maid to put

them together, they had better take a look

in a mirror before starting out," said the

fastidious woman in a tone which plainly

indicated that she had much more to say

on the same subject. "I have just come

from a promenade and I saw enough care-

then wax indignant.

one into the wrong hole.

to be put right

dresser."

and water.

less dressing to make one first weep and

"No smart French woman would be guilty

of such carelessness. One woman who wore

a waist buttoning up the back had omitted

two of the buttons; another had buttoned

"A third woman had allowed her belt to

slip up and show her skirt binding, and a

fourth had forgotten to fasten her placket

together, and all the nice little invisible

fasteners were in full view mutely crying

"The worst example of all wore a beauti-

ful hand embroidered waist fastened in the

back, a smart new belt with a pointed and

buckled back and a tailored skirt which

came together with two pleats in the back.

If these had all met, as they should, and

preserved an unbroken line, the effect

would have been smart and trim, but each

hit her at a different point, spoiled her

shape and proclaimed her for a careless

Useful to Know.

A tablespoonful of glycerine in a wine-

To remove scorched marks from fireproof

When pressing curved seams a roling pin

wrapped in a clean cloth makes a conven-

Cream may be prevented from dripping

from the spout of a pitcher by rubbing the

Not only for evening gowns, but for street and home costumes, velvet is much in de-mand. Many handsome coat suits are being made up for autumn wear.

Ties will be of two kinds-rich hand-em-broidered designs on linen, cut out around the design, and half-inch silk ties, tied in a double bowknot, with one end tucked under.

The empire styles have touched French inderclothes, too. The corset cover or themise and drawers are made in one, with beautiful beading and ribbon defining the

beautiful beading and ribbon defining the waist line.

English embroidery is set in some of the most exquisite French dresses as the chief feature of a medallion, like the gem in a ring—d good proof that we shall have at least one more season of it.

Girls are busy embroidering their monograms on their corset covers and chemises. Sometimes a thread is laid in an oval or circle around the monogram, and the embroidery done over that to form a frame.

Invisible checked black volle is one of the most beautiful of all the new black cloths. Checks and stripes and plaids—invisible, except in a side light—come in all the good colors and black, and form a very aristocratic family of fabrics.

The princess skirt and short bolero is being exploited in the fail walking gowns. They are very becoming to youthful figures, but should never be attempted by stout women. Almost any of the new materials, soft, pliable fabrics, are used in these gowns, and there are several variations of the mode which are very pleasing.

Tips for the Household.

Tail brass candlesticks are nearly indis-pensable to the colonial bedroom.

Tiles or brick work for mantals these days are put up with very wide joints be-tween.

Broderie anglaise curtains for window drapery are the latest development of the crase for this style of embroidery.

For this style of embroidery.

Folding fireplace screens of brass, finished either brick or dult, are very fashionable at present. They may also be had of a cheaper metal, finished in black or gilt.

The Franklin "clock" chair is a very good Chippendale design that shows the Dutch influence. It is so called because it is so often placed near the tail clock on account of the height of its back.

For the den or small room in the modern

For the den or small room in the moder partment banging tables are very con-cepient. These add quite a little to the at-tractiveness of certain style rooms and de-

inside of the spout with a little butter.

baking dishes soak them in strong borax

glassful of hot milk will often relieve a

cidedly economize space. They are sus-pended by ornamental chains. Adjustable valances are the very latest new idea in lace curtains. These curtains are finished at the top with a heading like a valance and have loops at the back that can quickly and easily be attached to a pole or have a brass rod run through them. pole or have a brass rod run through them. Colonial effects are the rage of the hour in the house furnishing world, but when adopting it discretion and good tasts should rule. It is a great mistake to reproduce the tasteless features of colonial furnishings just because they are colonial or old-timey. Chains are a new feature in furniture descration that are at least odd. They are used to hang lamps from, swinging tables and to hold back draperies. Some of the inner chains are quite effectively used as fringes for mosaic and colored glass lamp shades. southern exposure in direct sunlight.

#### Out of the Ordinary.

The chairs used by M. Witte and Baron Conurs when they signed the treaty of 'ortsmouth have been purchased by Presi-lent Roosevelt. The price was \$40 each. Among other curious features of recent statistics concerning the number of teach-ers in the United States is the fact that there are 21,357 negro teachers, 384 Indian teachers and sixty Mongolian.

A London carpenter, so we are informed, has found a means of making a diamond valued at \$500 out of \$00 cents' worth of sugar. This discovery, according to the principles of some sconomists, should justify the Sugar trust in raising the price of its product to \$250 a pound. The word "graft" was probably first used in this country in connection with a small canal dug in New York 250 years ago. Graft was the Dutch for canal. Three workmen dug and a committee of five citizens was appointed to see that they carned their wares.

wages.

One of the most curious existing collections of coins is that of the New York politician who for thirty years past has been in a position to collect all the stray hits of metal found in the New York sewers. The collection incidentally shows the cosmopolitan character of Gotham by including specimens of the coinage of practically All the arrangements which are suggested in this article may be further fitted with an apaque shade, mounted on rollers, placed next to the various types of draw and glass curtains illustrated, and between them and very nationality.

Much and various is the general informs the room draperies. This addition permits

of better variation in the amount of light tion that goes into the successful distribu-tion of a nation's letters. Recently, for exadmitted and in the case of shaded winample, the postal carriers of Jersey City failed to find a certain John McEwan Etu until a clerk in the office remembered the legal use of "et ux" in making out deeds and forwarded the letter to Mr. and Mrs. dows the lambrequin will hide the roller The practice, which almost amounts to a rule, that the roller shade should never be run higher than the center of the window

McEwan.

The first American flag fired upon by confederate soldiers in the civil war is now in the possession of former Congressman L. Cass Carpenter of Denver. The flag is 6x3 feet and was the storm flag of Fort Sumter. Peter J. Vicau, last surviving son of Jacques Vicau, Milwaukee's first fur trader of whom any record remains, is dead at his home in Muskego Center, Wis., aged 85. He was the first child born in Milwaukee of white parents. Mr. Vicau went to Muskego Center in 1856 and was for many years justice of the peace there. opening, is rendered unnecessary in these instances, as the outside of the window is already dressed by the glass curtains, which were designed for the purpose of giving a finish to window decorations when The cutting of draperies is an art of much greater difficulty than would seem to the casual observer, as unskillfully cut hangings cannot be made to drape gracefully or to remain in the proper positions

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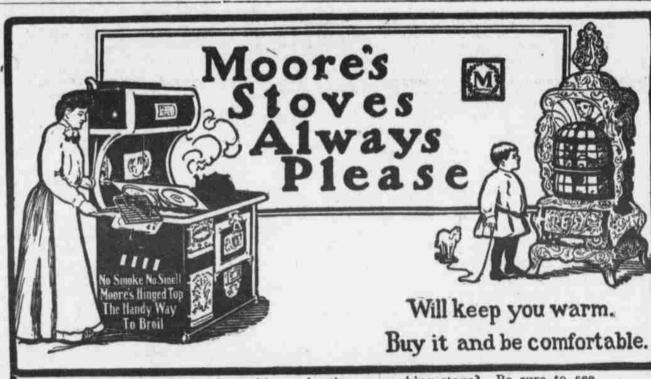
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