

For and About Women Folks

Willow Girl in Demand. THE Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington is more particular than any other in respect to the qualifications women must possess to secure employment. Besides the mental qualifications required, the applicant's size must be within the limits of the standard. The official height for women is 4 feet eleven and one-half inches, and she must not have hips more than sixteen inches in width, nor bust more than thirteen inches deep. The fact of the matter is that the machines at which the girls are obliged to work are so near together that only women of medium size can edge between them and some of them are so high that to reach them a woman must be at least four feet tall. The girls who are tall, willow girls to be preferred, and as a general thing she is better suited to all sorts of office work than her fat little sister. Naturally the girls having positions are very much afraid of getting fat and all sorts of stories are told of the expenses they take to prevent such a catastrophe. There is more and more demand for women in official positions, notwithstanding the statements that are so constantly made that men are taking their places. It is said that in New York there is a great lack of the larger women for government work. Many of the schools for teaching stenography give diplomas to girls who can write shorthand and manipulate the typewriter, but for other qualifications, such as knowledge of spelling and grammar, they make no pretense at certification. In consequence hundreds of girls are sent out every year who are utterly worthless in most of the business houses of the city. Girls who expect to make a profession of their work must remember that at least a grammar school education is necessary. A knowledge of French is a great advantage, as in the larger houses foreign correspondence is always part of the routine. Spanish is also now an asset in the qualifications of a stenographer, and girls entering schools this fall should add these to the course of study if possible. A fair knowledge of the English language is, however, the first requisite.

Women of the Orient. Mrs. Arthur MacArthur, wife of Major General MacArthur, gives her impressions of the woman of the orient in an interview in the San Francisco Call. Mrs. MacArthur accompanied her husband during his official tour of Japan, China, Siam, Java and the East Indies and enjoyed exceptional opportunities for observing the people and their mode of living. "Of all the people of the orient," she said, "none interested me more than the people of Siam, for they and their country are in a stage of transition. They are coming out into the light of modern civilization, these shut-in women, and it was fascinating, indeed, to study them. We saw few enough of the aristocratic members of the fair sex in Siam, for most of them are closely housed. The queen is never met socially. She resides in the palace of her own, but receives no one there, and is never present at court functions. One occasionally sees her taking her afternoon drive, but she greets no one. She is the mother of the crown prince, but her supremacy over the other members of the king's unattainable, resting entirely on the continued existence of her son. Siam's little princesses have a musical and attractive accent. They were dressed in gay and elaborate bodices, fashioned much after the lines of our own. But at the waist line the resemblance to European garments ceased, for the skirts were fashioned of a long piece of cloth hung around the waist as far as the knee, the back width being drawn through the legs forward and caught up into the belt line, forming an odd sort of compromise between a petticoat and riding breeches. They wore the prettiest sort of silk stockings and slippers of the same hue, and loaded down with jewels of the most splendid sort, were delightful to behold. Their headresses, characteristic of the Siam, were made of a material called 'siam' and were indeed, for it is a custom so sacred to them as the pigtail is to the Chinaman to wear the hair cropped off to about four inches in length and brushed out about the head, forming a sort of halo that resembles at a distance the exaggerated 'pompadour' that also flourishes in the hair of the West. They will chew the beetle nut, which blackens their mouths and teeth. "All eastern women have splendid hair, very long and thick, coarse in quality, but nevertheless pleasing. The Siamese women would have as good hair as their western sisters did they not crop it in their starting ways. These 'new women' of Siam whom we met at Prince Chirva's were charming little creatures, with fascinating manners, and they chattered like little birds, their 'small talk' being much the same as that of our own society dames. To appreciate what a forced step in Siam was represented by that official dinner at which native women were not only present but taking their part freely we, though official guests, did not greet her meet the queen.

Throughout the whole east, the Mohammedan women go heavily veiled, their dress resembling that of the Ku Klux Klan which we occasionally see pictured. Their heads and forms are hung with a sort of sheet, with slits for the eyes. But in Java the women of this faith do not enshroud their faces in this impenetrable web. The veil is not unobscurely hot for such trying robes. "It was to the matron and matrons of Java that Mrs. MacArthur awarded the palm of beauty. 'Not beautiful of feature, they are magnificent in form. Their arms and necks and their whole figure are the most superb I have ever seen. Facing idly with the peculiar grace that is born of physical perfection, they seem like statues in ebony, the dream of an idealizing artist. Their one article of dress is a sarong, which is merely a two-yard piece of cloth sewed together with a hole for head and feet. All

the superb material in the loose garment is drawn forward and knotted at the breast so that it fits well over the shoulders and hips and drops in soft folds in front. As it is the wearer's one means of expressing personality in dress, it is made of all manner of rich oriental stuffs of individual design. These fair creatures of Java are the cleanest people in the world. It seems to me. They are in the water half the time, bathing in public pools, where they exchange their sarongs for fresh ones undisturbed by the eyes of the beholders with such mystic skill that the most obtuse brute could not take offense. "Like little children in their undeveloped figures, the Burmese women are the most beautiful of face in the Orient. They are identical with the girls of the East. Their eyes are glorious and their mouths and teeth such as a Reynolds might rave over. No other daughters of the east, however, have the superb poise of those of India, who seem to walk to unheard music. They like like queens. We met no native Indian women, for they have no social position. "I have said the native maids and matrons of India have no social position. Instead of being a little lower than angels they are not much higher than animals. From the numbers of women of the poorer class, the streets are strewn with their bodies, anywhere, on the ground under a tree beside the road, we get an impression of a lack of home life strongly in contrast to that domestic, well cared for and happily free existence of Japanese femininity. "The truly enraptured of the Japanese," she continues, "they are at once the most artistic and the most polite people in the world. Every line, every touch of color, breathes beauty, while man and woman, from rulers to humble peasantry, are uniformly courteous. One comes upon a tiny shop and thinks, 'This is all,' when lo! behind the counter, based and there beyond is a perfect garden with miniature ponds, lovely flowers, all arranged to form a harmonious and beautiful whole, and small trees, dwarfed to a wee size as if their growers wanted to keep these fair greens close to themselves. Beyond one sees an orderly and radiant home, wonderfully ordered and better kept homes than those of Japan. Nowhere does their great art express itself more truly than in their homes, where everything is simple and beautiful. And if the Japanese are all polite, the politeness of the women takes a most charming form. They are all happy and winning and agreeable little creatures of manner in all their acts. "All the women of the Orient are kept closely housed save these daughters of Japan, who enjoy as great freedom as their American sisters. These dainty little creatures, who are the most artistic head of the Orient. None of the other eastern women can compare with them in this art of coquetry. From the Siamese, with their hair cropped off, to the Ceylonese, with their long locks, none touch the graceful head decoration of the Japanese woman. To one must see her in her home country, for her head dress fits her face and gown just as the fit the room she walks through, and just as everything in Japan seems to fit its surroundings, which latter point is one of the secrets of their artistic success."

Housework Good as Golf. Didian is the sentiment with which the summer girl regards the latest discovery of Dr. Harvey Wiley, chemist of the Agricultural department in Washington, says the New York Press. Dr. Wiley has discovered that, although rowing, golfing, walking, tennis, and other outdoor exercises, give the housewife an excellent exercise, she gives the husband who works for them? Aren't you ashamed that you cannot do the work well or that you will not? In the vacation period your husband has to do extra work for those who are away. Does he do it in a slovenly manner? Does he not do it as well as he does his own? Why, therefore, should you not do the work right when your clock is away? Why should you not make a study of your work and benefit by the scientific advantages which have been advised in recent years? "We advise you to cease complaining and learn a little more about your business. Your husband will appreciate it. If you have daughters to marry off, make them prime housekeepers and they will draw prizes."

A Business Head. A Vassar girl who found, upon facing the world at the termination of her school life, that some means must be devised to supplement her income, turned her knowledge of chemistry to good account. She began teaching her chief friends the mysteries of making a superior article of cold cream, and soon had a large and paying clientele. The work required a thorough knowledge of the various fats and oils, including spermaceti, coco butter, Japan wax, almond oil, and lanolin, camphor, myrrh, sulphur, arsenic, zinc, white lead and other things. "She was able to produce a really nice cold cream, and found a large number of women willing to pay liberally to be taught the art of its manufacture."

Probable Saviors. If instead of spirits of camphor camphorated oil be used in cleaning furniture it will not only remove the white stains, but restore the polish as well. During damp weather salt crystals are apt to become clogged on the inner side of the holes. By placing a few rice grains in each cellar and adding the salt last the delivery is better. A teacher's chief, which usually withers soon after gathering, can be kept fresh for a week if when first picked the ends are placed in a jar of water. Raffa has been successfully used for mending straw hats. It is especially useful in mending the crown of the hat. It is inconspicuous, firm and easy to use. Thread a large needle with the raffa strip and mend as you would with thread. The worn spots that so disfigure the

How Artists Use Lines in Pen and Ink. WHAT woman has not found herself placed at dinner between two men who bore her insufferably? What man has not found himself in a similar position between two women? It is a situation for which there is no remedy when the sufferer is a man, but Charles Dana Gibson, in the picture that accompanies your servant goes, cleverly suggests how a woman may rid herself of the trouble. No matter how much a woman may bore a man, he cannot be rude to her, but in these days of independent women, Gibson does not hesitate to point out a way by which the bored woman may mitigate her suffering. It would seem rather rude if a woman were deliberately to produce a book at dinner and begin to read when the conversation of her partners is too much for her, but there are bore, especially boyish bore, who deserve no better treatment and to whom the lesson would be salutary. Cuba are the worst of all bore to an intelligent woman. The youth at college or high school is absorbed in pursuits that cannot have an iota of interest for her, but he rarely realizes this and persists in talking college gossip and school sport and giving vent to grand and really opinions that make him inexpressibly objectionable to the woman of the world. Under such circumstances she longs for anything in the way of a real man. Gibson shows us such a woman and two

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without ever having been abroad. Mrs. Sage was Miss Margaret Olivia Bloom. The countess of Aberdeen recently gave the Irish Woman's Temperance Union a novel gift in the way of an address having a new cover designed and worked at the Royal College of Art Needlework. It has a white-velvet cover lined with St. Patrick's blue poplin. The coronet and the crest were worked in gold and silver, and at each corner is a four-leaved shamrock. Miss Mercer Fell, a charming young American woman, has been engaged to take charge of a big hotel in Harrogate, England. Miss Fell is a member of a prominent Knickerbocker family in New York and has been presented at court, but owing to strained circumstances has accepted the position offered her by Sir Christopher Furness, proprietor of the Harrogate hotel. Mrs. Alice White, a gentle little blue-eyed woman, designs and makes clothes for all the animals in one of the great circuses. She has a corps of seamstresses at work almost constantly. An elaborate coat worn by one big elephant cost nearly three hundred dollars. Mrs. White is making the costly garment. Mrs. White held her present position for over twenty years. Mrs. Peton Fleming, who was recently elected a member of the Royal Astronomical Society, is not the only woman who has succeeded in comprehending the mysteries of the heavens. Miss Henrietta Leavitt discovered twenty new variable stars some years ago. Lady Huggins diligently helps her husband, Sir William Huggins, in his astronomical observations. In their house in South London they possess a very fine equipped observatory, which contains the most accurate telescope presented by the royal society to Sir William in recognition of the work accomplished by Lady Huggins and himself in astrophysics.

Religious Notes. The Presbyterian church in the United States of America has now 1,358,823 members, a gain of 43,000 for the year. Rev. P. M. Abbe, chaplain of the Methodist Episcopal church in Milwaukee, has been appointed vicar general of the archdiocese of Milwaukee and will assume the work at once. According to the year books of the denomination the per cent of gain in membership for the year 1905 was as follows: Baptists, 2.1; Congregational, 2.2; Methodists, 2.3; Presbyterians, 2.4; Episcopalians, 2.5. Rev. L. J. Conrardy, the Belgian priest in whose arms Father Damien breathed his last in the Hawaiian leper colony on the island of Molokai, is on his way to China, where he will establish similar colonies and spend the rest of his life. Methodism has at least one living follower who became identified with the church more than a century ago. Mrs. Mary Ramsey Lemons Wood recently celebrated her 113th birthday at Hillsboro, Ore. She united with the Methodist church in 1789. The oldest preacher in the world in active

Romantic Courtships. Elopes to Wed Japanese. An unusual wedding ceremony was performed at Rockford, Ill., when Hansaro Canada, a native of Japan, was united in marriage to Miss Lucia Emon of Madison, Wis. Miss Emon is an American girl and became infatuated with her oriental lover while he was a student of the University of Wisconsin. The parents of the girl opposed her marriage to the Jap, so she stole away to Rockford and wedded. The groom is a native of Kobe and is a merchant at Milwaukee. He came to America to attend the Wisconsin university, but intends to return to his native land with his fair bride in the near future. Miss Emon appeared to be devoted to her dark-skinned sweetheart and proud that he had won her hand in marriage. First Loves Are Best. Five years ago Miss Thompson and Huggins parted as the result of a lovers' quarrel. As a balm for his sore heart Huggins joined the navy, soon after which he was evidently forgotten by the Indianapolis maid. Then Conny came a-wooing. Miss Thompson listened to his whispered words of love and promised to be his. The wedding day was set, the tressouper prepared and the license secured, but alas! the bride to be did not know her own heart. Just at this time Miss Thompson received a letter from Huggins, her sailor sweetheart. He was then in Seattle and said he was on his way to Indianapolis. The letter awakened old-time memories in Miss Thompson's heart and the appearance of Huggins was all that was necessary to re-

veal the trend of love. After the arrival of Huggins it was "all off" as far as Connetto was concerned. He had a marriage license, but another had his bride. Miss Thompson says that the culmination of the love that was first in her heart will come some time next month, when she expects to become the bride of her sailor sweetheart. Prefers Husband to Pension. Mrs. L. A. Worrell, a New York widow, frankly writes the pension bureau in Washington that she would remarry, but so far there is none in the metropolis who is drawn to wed her. She asks the aid of the bureau, and says she is entirely willing to forfeit the pension which she draws as the widow of a soldier who was killed in the Spanish-American war provided the bureau will supply her with a man. Commissioner Davenport, to whom the letter came, tried to refer it to several of his assistants, but each time it came back to his desk and he finally went to the oblivion of the files, with the endorsement: "The bureau is unable to take any action in this case." Remarried Number One. Albert W. Wisard, a prominent lawyer and politician of Indianapolis, obeyed the call of Cupid by remarriage the woman from whom he was divorced nine years ago. Mrs. Wisard is a beautiful southern woman. She was Miss Corrie Wallace of Hopkinsville, Ky., and had lived at her home since her divorce and the restoration of her maiden name. Since their separation Miss Wisard and her former wife had met but a few times. When they saw each other last September, however, the fire of love that went out nineteen years ago was suddenly rekindled and the couple decided to attempt a second matrimonial voyage. They met in Chicago, where they planned to be married and take a honeymoon trip through the northwest before returning to Indianapolis. Too Long to Wait. The fact that John Shanley of Indianapolis has claimed Miss Jessie Hackett of Lafayette, Ind., for his bride is because Cupid became very impatient in this particular case. The engagement of the couple was announced a short time ago, but they had decided to wait a whole year before being married. Mr. Shanley had planned a business trip to South America, where he would be for several months. The wedding was to take place after his return from the tropics. Recently Miss Hackett went to Chicago to visit relatives. Mr. Shanley was traveling in Wisconsin at the time and when he heard that Miss Hackett was in Chicago he hastened there and went to see her. The other day Miss Hackett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hackett of Lafayette, received a letter from their daughter in which she said that she and Mr. Shanley had been married and were spending their honeymoon on northern lakes.

A Skin of Beauty is a Joy Forever. Dr. T. Felix Gouraud's Oriental Cream or Magical Beautifier. It is said she performs her duties to the entire satisfaction of the officials and maintains perfect order among the excursionists on the mainland. She also directs operations upon the small farm which she owns upon the island. The Servant Problem. Not long ago some good advice for women appeared in the editorial columns of a daily newspaper in answer to a letter from a housekeeper complaining that servants are scarce, wages high and service poor, and asking if there ought not to be schools for the training of domestic servants. "There ought to be such a school in every home," was the editorial advice. "If the average man knew as little about his work as the average woman does about housework the country would soon be in a state of chaos. Women have plenty of opportunities to learn better methods, but they seldom accept them. No woman is competent to run a household unless she knows every detail of her work and can perform it herself. Would the Carnegie Steel people employ a president or superintendent who did not know his business?" "What a splendid idea," your servant goes out-if you have but one-do you get up a nice dinner for your family and eat that the service is excellent!" continues this editorial writer, who seems to know

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