

**N**EW YORK, April 12.—More and more women are taking up outdoor sports, which were once monopolized almost by men. This spring saw larger numbers enjoying themselves out of doors and also some greater development of skill among the feminine votaries of these sports than ever before.

The men do not fear the rivalry of the women. In certain sports, however, in which the chief factors of success are cold nerves and a quick eye the women are doing very well.

Trap shooting, which has been limited for some years in this state to clay targets

the Indian squaws have always been riding in that style.

Now little girls are taught to ride astride, and in the country the women of the hunt clubs sometimes ride in that fashion. When in grand style, however, the women don always the regulation habit, and only this costume would be accepted in Hyde Park.

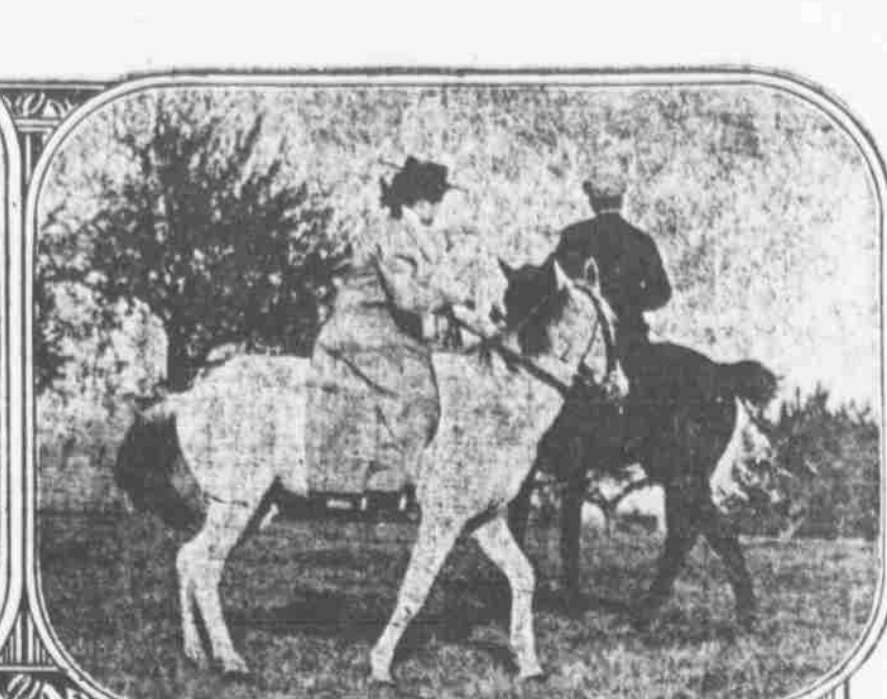
Automobiles is a habit with the women, both enough to possess, and in the country the women who would have women as often as men at the wheel, but as yet the touring party of women motorists is unknown. It is to come very soon, we think, and if the fashion becomes established there, one of the country hotels

yacht clubs as a member. Several women have racing stables and two or three have training stables.

Miss Letitia Chatterton, last year headed the list of grand circuit winners. Women who drive coaches are usually supplied as to drag and team from



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MRS. ARTHUR ISELIN DRIVING THE COACH, WITH MRS. A. G. VANDERBILT AND MISS E. PARSONS

shooting, has found favor with women. Pigeon shooting, the sport regretted by the best wing shots, did not have many supporters among women.

No sympathy with the massacred birds influenced their opinions. The truth was that pigeon shooting was "mussy." The flutter of wings, the occasional splatter of blood, the flakes of red stained feathers that drifted upon coats or jackets were items of the uncleanliness that made the sport distasteful.

Matters are different with target shooting, in which the fragile saucers of blue clay are as hard to hit as a pigeon, especially when thrown at unknown angles. While the test of skill is as great, the surroundings are clean and neat.

As a consequence many women of the country clubs are now practicing target shooting and some have become quite expert. In the wing shot amateur championship last May at the traps of the New York Athletic club, at Travers Island, Mrs. Parks handled her gun in very creditable style.

These are the days when the horsewomen throng into Central park. New York women always ride in a side saddle, and they pay the top prices for their riding habits, the best of which are designed in Paris and not in London, despite the glories of Rotten Row.

Within a season or two the fashion of riding astride has grown into favor in New York, those to lead in it being in the first place western women. The Wild West shows served to introduce riding astride to New York women, but

will set up Martha Washington annexes. In lawn tennis, golf and basket ball there are established national championships for women. The participants come from all parts of the country, and the championship meetings always attract crowds of spectators. The style of the women is equal in all details to that of the men, and especially at golf are the feminine exponents deemed to be the acme of grace and vigor in their swing. At golf to time the stroke is necessary, and the women excel at this.

At coaching the women display a skill quite to the mark of the men. They point a team and cut a corner with all the dash of regular coaches.

There are few sporting pictures better worth seeing than that of a pretty girl on the box seat of a coach or brake. Women seem to drive with less exertion than men, which is part of the style on which they pride themselves.

The weight of a team, that is the pull on the reins on the driving hand, is generally expressed as eight and a half pounds, yet the women bear the burden for hours at a time as cheerfully as the men.

Whatever the outdoor game, the women are ready and willing to take their part in it. The vim for sports keeps them in their best health and spirits, and in their lively talk of the smoking room afterward the women prove their good nature and wit.

There are hundreds of women who spend as much money on sport as, for instance, the family stable, and as to golf and lawn tennis, the only burden of expense as a rule is the club dues.

Some time last season a young woman,

the wife of a veterinary surgeon, rode and won a two-mile steeplechase at Epsom. But race riding is unknown among the sports for women in this country. In gym-



WOMEN ENTHUSIASTS AT MOTORING

THEY EVEN PLAY BASEBALL.



MRS. PARK IN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT AT TRAVERS ISLAND

clubs. At Pinehurst last winter there was a revival of base ball among the women. Mrs. Myra D. Paterson, Miss Chick and Miss

Adams were leading players. One match was against a team of men, the latter playing left-handed, and it was a great social and sporting success.

where we may have placed them. We always think a girl for reporting such an employer, as we are then able to place his name on our black list and refuse to send applicants to him.

"The person in charge of another concern of this type, in talking on this subject of the pretty girl in business, said:

"I can usually tell just what girls will meet with annoyance in the business world and I'm fairly mistaken. The other day a girl went out from here and I saw trouble ahead, and it came.

got her the place, but her business and good sense put her in a way to double her income.

"Another case I heard of was a woman with an unusually beautiful complexion who secured a place in the office of a skin specialist. She took a short course in laboratory work, learned to make analyses, and, though not a retained office nurse, can still perform most of the necessary duties of a physician's office.

"Her complexion is frankly commented on by patients and the doctor admits that she is a fine advertisement of his skill, though as a matter of fact she was born with a wonderful complexion and owes nothing to either cosmetics or beauty doctors.

"The general opinion was that the pretty girl in business has a lot in her favor and is by no means an object of pity or suspicion."

## About Women in the Home and Business World

**Baseless Insinuation Brushed.**

**L**ET the world of women rejoice. Another baseless assault on the sex has been rocked to sleep.

A report has been widely published that the Colony club of New York City, composed exclusively of women, sought to secure a license to sell liquor in the club rooms and that it was unable to secure the precious document because the club building was within less than 200 feet of a church—a distance in which saloons are prohibited by law. This gave color to the suspicion that members desired a tippie stronger than tea, lemon phosphate or soda cocktail, and provoked solemn dissertations on the intemperance of woman.

Messieurs members of the club went on with their duties and pleasures, regardless of the fears and anxieties of those who are not happy unless prying into other people's business. They were not thirsty for strong drink. The club did not seek a license. In fact the members, sensible folk, went about their business unimpaired of the agitation.

"The club does not want a license," said Miss Elizabeth Marbury, chairman of the board of governors, adding the significant temperance information: "Why, women here won't drink. They're too vain, too much afraid that they'll get fat. Any doctor will tell you that alcohol and adipose tissue go together. There's an enormous consumption of lemon phosphate by the club members, but very little of anything stronger. When we started the club our men friends told us that unless we sold wine, etc., we wouldn't make a success, as it had been found that the bar receipts in men's clubs went a long way toward paying the running expenses. Well, we decided to wait and see, and my belief, after watching our members, is that if we had a bar the receipts wouldn't pay the license fee. We had eighty at dinner last night, and not a single person had anything to drink—that is, anything real, you know."

"Oh, yes," Miss Marbury continued in response to a question, "any club member can bring her own individual bottle to the table, and one or two do, but not many. It isn't because they are full of temperance principles. The truth is they'd like to drink, some of them at least, but as I said before, they don't want to get fat. Why, most of our members are bathing and exercising half the time in an effort to get thin or keep thin."

Just here a diminutive butler appeared and announced that "tea" was served. "There!" exclaimed Miss Marbury. "You see it's tea he announces, and his appearance wasn't stage management at all. But wait a moment and I'll show you our tea card."

The card showed that a member may have "Tea A" or "Tea B"; the difference is as 25 cents is to 50 cents, the larger sum adding hot muffs and jam to the tea and bread and butter of the "Tea A" order. At the bottom of the card is the announcement:

"Lemon Squash, Orange Phosphate, and

also Cigarettes and Segars at the Club Tariff."

"They do drink a most surprising quantity of the phosphate," said Miss Marbury, glancing over the card; "the man that sells it must make a fortune."

**Group of Rich Widows.**

With another woman, Mrs. William Henry Smith, in the ranks of wealthy widows—widows whose wealth is reckoned by tens of millions—it has become true that six of them alone by managing their fortunes could make a total of \$250,000,000. Mrs. Smith's fortune will not fall far short of \$70,000,000. It is an amount almost as large as that which Russell Sage left his widow, Mrs. Smith is not as well known throughout the union as Mrs. Sage.

Her widowhood is too recent, as it was only a few days ago that her husband died in Japan, for the glamour of her fortune to surround her name instead of the man's, as already has happened in Mrs. Sage's case. But her wealth will change that quickly, for it places her among the four richest widows in the country. The six who by drawing checks could make up a quarter billion are Mrs. Sage, Mrs. Smith, Hetty Green, Mrs. Anna Weightman

Walker, Mrs. Marshall Field and Mrs. Marshall Field, Jr.

Each of the first four women has a fortune several times as great as that of either Mrs. Field. In fact, it is possible Mrs. Sage, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Greene could make such a showing without the aid of the Chicago widows.

Hetty Green's fortune is estimated at from \$50,000,000 to \$80,000,000. Leaving her out of the count, the list is headed by Mrs. Sage and Mrs. Smith jointly, for, though the widow of Wall street's great money lender received \$85,000,000 under his will, she has given away \$15,000,000.

Next comes Mrs. Walker with \$50,000,000. Mrs. Field the younger \$50,000,000. But the comparative smallness of young Mrs. Field's fortune is offset in a sense by the fact that her sons when of age will divide \$50,000,000. Mrs. Green and Mrs. Walker are the business women of the six and each inherited her fortune from her father.

In Mrs. Walker's case, however, the fortune came from William Weightman practically as it stands today, whereas Mrs. Green received only \$10,000,000 from her father's estate and at least quintupled that amount through her own ability. Mrs.

Sage and the elder Mrs. Field are the only widows of the six whose fortunes were amassed by their husbands.

**Glen Keller as a Speaker.**

At the second meeting of the Association for the Blind, says Putnam's Magazine, Bishop Green, Dr. Lyman Abbott and others spoke; yet, if the honors of the occasion were not carried off by Miss Keller, it was only because of the defective delivery of an address, which, in matter and manner, left nothing to be desired. The speaker's friend and alter ego, Mrs. Macy (nee Sullivan), was too hoarse to repeat to the audience the words that fell from her former pupil's lips; so the task of acting as her interpreter was assumed by no less eminent an expert than Alexander Graham Bell, who canceled an engagement in Ohio in order to be present. As the broken sentences came faintly forth, Dr. Bell, holding one of the speaker's hands in his own, and with eyes fixed upon her lips in eager and anxious scrutiny, echoed them in tones easily audible throughout the hall.

His fatherly, affectionate manner in encouraging an orator to whom the use of his voice, even in private, is still somewhat of a novelty, was beautiful to see; and the picture was completed by Mrs. Macy's readiness in helping him out, when any phrase proved especially difficult to catch. Miss Keller's charming appearance, her graceful, yet emphatic little gestures, and the sympathetic personality that found expression equally in face and bearing, went far to atone for the ineffectiveness of her diction. Before her turn came to speak her former teacher, seated beside her on the platform, kept her informed by the fingers of all that was done or said. Only when some compliment was being paid her the two hands drew apart.

**The Pretty Girl in Business.**

"Every now and then," said a business woman of many years experience to a New York Sun man, "you hear of one of the trials and tribulations which beset the pretty girl in business, especially in large cities like New York. One hears of her fruitless efforts to obtain desirable employment, or at least to keep a place for any length of time, because of the jealousies of other women, and one hears constantly of the offensive manner of employers toward an extremely attractive employee.

"This state of things seemed to me so lamentable if true that I recently devoted an afternoon to making a tour of the different establishments in New York making business of securing employment for women. The result was that I could find no one who considered beauty in any other light than a valuable asset to the self-supporting woman, provided it was accompanied by proper self-respect and common sense."

"How do I propose to solve the problem of the pretty girl in business?" repeated the manager of one establishment, as she looked up at me in some surprise. "Why, I don't see that there's any such problem, at least no more in the business world than in society."

"The pretty girl in either case must make her own decision as to whether her beauty shall be a curse or a blessing. Of course, I admit that a pretty girl is more apt to be the target for women's jealousy and men's attentions than a plain-looking girl, but I'm not prepared to admit that a pretty girl is any more exposed to temptation in a reputable business house than she would be in society."

"It is all nonsense," to say that a pretty girl is more exposed to temptation in trying to secure employment in New York. She may meet with some annoyance, but if she's worth anything she'll come out ahead every time."

"When a pretty girl comes in here to find employment I'm always careful where I place her and often go to visit the employer in his office before deciding. If she's young and uneducated besides being pretty I have a plain talk with her and warn her in a general way as to her dress and conduct during business hours."

"The head of a similar establishment, with an experience of ten years in the placing of young women in business, said:

"Our girls are especially asked to come back and report any annoyance or insult to which they may be subjected in an office

## Novelties in Medals for Wedding Gifts

**N**EW YORK, April 12.—Easter weddings have this year an element of novelty so far as the presents are concerned, which the talent of a French medalist has made possible. The wedding medal has just been put on the market by a firm of Fifth avenue jewelers, and at many of the spring marriages there has been seen such a gift on the table of presents. It is usually given by the bridegroom to the bride or by the bride to her husband, although it may be presented by any friend or relative in lieu of an ordinary gift.

These marriage medals are made of silver and are about two inches in diameter. On one side is a pair of figures draped in classical fashion and on the other is a wreath of laurel bearing the words "SOUVENIR DE MARIAGE." And after that are the names of the contracting parties, with the date and

the words "Prosperite" and "Bonheur." The silver is treated and the workmanship of the medallions exquisitely fine.

E. J. Roine, the sculptor who makes them, was for some years connected with the mint in Paris, and many of his pieces have been bought by the French government after they were exhibited. He has just begun to manufacture these medals for this country, although they have for some time past been sold in Paris.

Some of them may have the portraits of the husband and wife in relief on the reverse side in place of the two figures, although this process involves, of course, more expense, since such a medal must be made to order, while the others are always to be had. M. Roine makes a specialty of portrait medallions of any size, and they are remarkable for their finish and faithfulness even when made on very small medals.

In addition to these marriage medals he will soon put on the market engagement medals, which are to commemorate the engagement just as the others do the marriage. They are also of silver and have on one side a man and woman. On the reverse, surrounded by a half wreath which is composed of two little doves nesting in a wreath of laurel is a space for the names of the betrothed. These medals have not yet been put on the market, as M. Roine is just now too busy supplying the demand for the marriage medals. April is the month for marriages and there will be time to prepare the others for the market during the summer months.

The fine workmanship of the medals puts them in a class with works of art. M. Roine's work immediately attracted attention among numismatists and he did not have to wait long for recognition. His works cover a much larger field than those medals. He makes portraits on silver in bas relief that range in size from a quarter to a half a foot long.

Some of his allegorical bas reliefs have been acquired for the Luxembourg by the French government, while others have been sent to exhibitions in Italy and Germany and then bought for the public museums in these countries. The artist had the rare compliment of having some of his relief bought for the Royal Museum in Berlin. Others were bought outright and are reproduced only by the Barbedienne foundries. One of the most beautiful of these is a figure of the Virgin and the Child called "Divine Love." The medals for wedding, however, are the most popular specimens of his work that have been put on the market.



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