

What the Women Are Doing

Woman as Justice of the Peace. ANTICIPATION as a fount of pleasure surpassing reality is reflected on a background of smiles as the spotlight is turned on Mrs. Catherine Vaughn McCulloch, justice of peace at Evanston, Ill. Mrs. McCulloch was elected to office last year, amid great rejoicings in suffrage circles, and finished a year of office toil and trouble on May 1.

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Indian Wife and Mother. The Seminole woman is a devoted mother and wife, and her position in the life of the tribe is of considerable importance. writes Harriet Quimby in Leslie's. She is the boss of her wigwam, and on many questions of tribal import she is consulted. If she finds it necessary to her happiness and peace of mind to obtain a divorce from her brave, she is permitted to do so without disgrace, and her children are invariably awarded to her. In return for these privileges the Seminole woman is unusually patriotic. She not only maintains the highest possible moral standard for her people, but she excludes outsiders entirely. Any young squaw who allows her heart to stray to a white man, and to allow that straying to be known, is subject to death. There is a legend to the effect that one such case occurred, and the guilty squaw was found one day hanging to a tree, where all the women of the tribe had helped to hang her. The cherishing of the women is said to come from a desire to preserve the race, and as marriages outside of the tribes are not allowed and marriages in the tribes are rare, women in the class room were a rare sight, and we have some recollection of their first appearance at Edinburg late in the '80s. There were eight young ladies in Prof. Tall's class of natural philosophy. He was explaining the octahedron, parenthetically remarking that it had eight plain faces. One of the sporting contingent in the back row interjected the remark, "Front bench," the ungallant reference being to the eight stalwart young ladies—the pioneers of the woman graduate—who occupied seats in the front row.

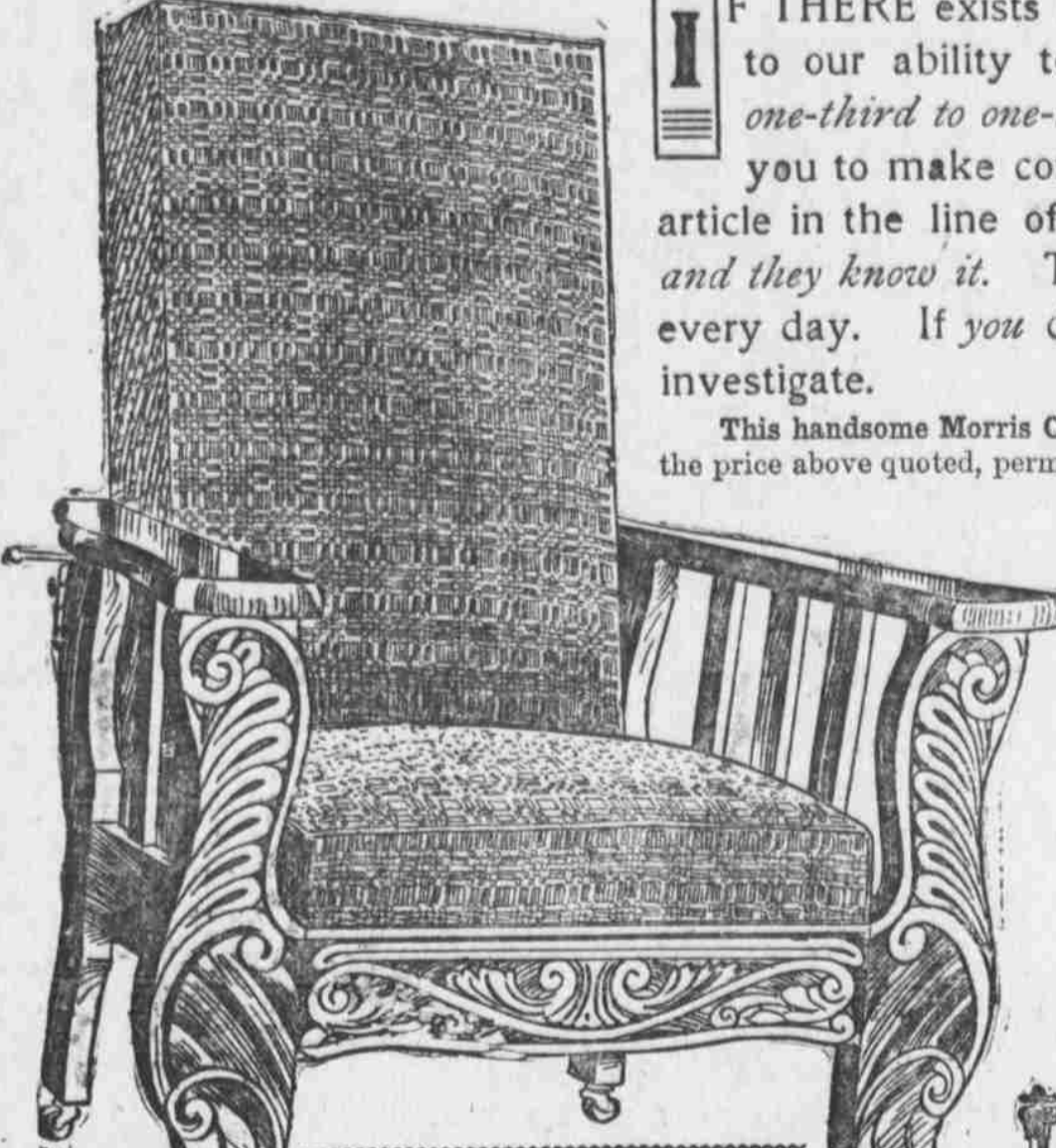
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Fair Street Car Conductors. Not long since while riding in a street car in the city of Guadalajara, Mexico, I was astonished to be asked for my fare by a sweet-faced, dark-eyed senorita whose nationality revealed the fact that she was the conductor of the car," said Colonel C. P. Goodacre of Kansas City. "The young lady could smile a lot, but was as shy in her use of English as I was of Spanish, yet I made out that the company was experimenting with female conductors, and the chances were that they would be used permanently, instead of men."

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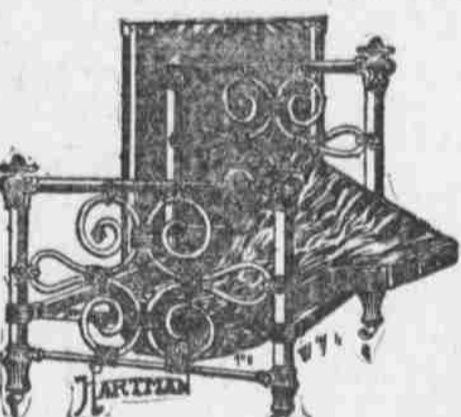
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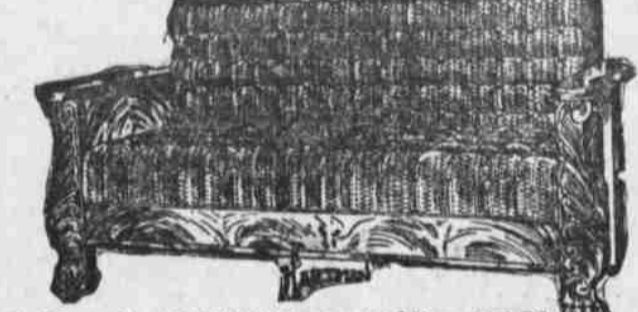


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hem. This was a rather trying style and certainly an extreme, but it served the purpose of introducing an original note in the frothing skirt. Separate coats are to be worn with the white lingerie dresses and with the little tulle skirt-waist suits, as well as with the more ambitious toilet. A coat, say, of peacock blue silk trimmed with a Persian embroidery, can be worn with one's chief-favorite tulle. The coat is darker than the gown and goes well with any light color. Strappings of black velvet are used upon the smartest waists; indeed, certain dressmaker, in looking over the wardrobs of one of her patrons, decided to copy a gown recently made for a wealthy customer. Taking some narrow black velvet, she striped the waist in groups of three velvet stripes, while as for the skirt she put on a lace flounce. A fashion authority says that Copenhagen blue is to be the "rage" this summer and that with it black gloves may be worn and patent leather shoes, with a black belt, but no other color is permissible. Reports of the Easter parade in New York declare that such a blue year was never known, cadet blue having been the prevailing color since that day.

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