

The crest and crowning of all good, Life's final star is Brotherhood.—Markham.

WOMAN'S SECTION OF THE BEE

Some must follow, and some command, Though all are made of clay.—Longfellow.

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**Humorous Criticisms On Ibanez, Spanish Orator and Vigorous Writer.**

Next Tuesday we were to have heard Vicente Blasco Ibanez, called "the greatest of living novelists" (by his publishers). Coal miners have decreed that he shall not speak to an Omaha audience at this time. The engagement has been cancelled for the present. We can only buy his "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," "The Shadow of the Cathedral," "Mare Nostrum," or others of his sweeping stories, and curl snugly around the fireside and read. After all, to be optimistic, this may be more satisfactory, for Ibanez does not speak English, a gentleman who knows both Spanish and English reads a translation of what Ibanez is about to say. Then Ibanez himself takes the floor and speaks in Spanish. He is said to be a natural orator.

His gestures seem impulsive, they follow his thought, the whole man moves as he talks, and at the right moment he glides into a side of the reading desk to the other. There is a manuscript on the desk; he never refers to it; but the desk is useful to tap upon with his long fingers when he wishes to emphasize points. Frequent applause follows his words, which he utilizes to pat his brow with a beautiful white handkerchief.

One critic says of him, "He is a force; he has gusto and vitality, and he is fiercely interested in many things, besides the writing of fiction, politics, history, sociology. He is a vital, vigorous, fearless man who spurns the word neutral. He is as pro-ally as Raemackers. A sturdy man with a bull-like head; an 'agin the government' man; in 1885 he was imprisoned for six months for writing a sonnet against the Spanish government; a man of imagination and dynamic driving power. My only objection to him is that he allows himself to be called 'the greatest of living novelists.' But perhaps, as he doesn't read English, he is not aware that this has been said about him. There's to you, Vicente Blasco Ibanez."

Another critic says: "Mr. Ibanez is preparing to write a novel about America. This ardent Spanish writer and publicist does not know English, but 'the greatest of living novelists' rises above such a slight limitation. A few months of rapid observation and travel, a few months of rushing writing, and the book will be done. We shall all be reading it. His publishers will see to that. They have exploited Ibanez magnificently. By the clever advertising campaign that has come under my notice, outspoken and intelligent as well as clever, they have forced America to take Ibanez to its fireside. For weeks I resisted the blandishments of their advertisements, as I resisted the advertisements of a suit of B. V. D. underwear and an electric toaster; but in the end I was conquered. Advertisement always conquers pro-

**Congregational Ladies Give a Delightful Benefit Program**



Mrs. W. M. Burton

A total pledge of \$40,000 on the part of the woman's committee of the First Congregational church means the application of energy, ingenuity and skill on the part of those who undertake this large and creditable task. Among the benefit entertainments given to this end, was a program, following luncheon at the home of Mrs. E. W. Gunther Thursday. A delightful drama, "Modes and Manners" was given under the direction of Mrs. William M. Burton, as part I. Part II was an operetta, "Seven Old Ladies of Lavender Town," under direction of Mrs. W. L. Pierpont.

vided that the article advertised is worthy. Meekly I bought "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" and read it; meekly I bought "The Shadow of the Cathedral" and read it, and it only needs a few more thousand dollars of expert advertising to make me buy "Mare Nostrum," "Blood and Sand" and "La Bottega."

"Do I think Ibanez the greatest of living novelists? Well, no! There is a shy, sad man living in Dorsetshire, England, called Thomas Hardy; there are others, a dozen and more; there is the author of "Tommy" and "Captains Courageous"; there is Conrad; there is W. D. Howells. A man does not become a tremendous novelist because he handles tremendous themes. The soul, as Maeterlinck observes, does not always flower in nights of storm."

George Crook Relief Corps. Roosevelt Circle. Roosevelt chautauqua circle will meet Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock with Mrs. F. A. Cressey, 4204 South Twenty-second street.

B. T. Club. B. T. club of the railway mail service will meet with Mrs. F. L. Philpot, 5624 North Twenty-fourth street, Friday, December 12.

War Council Lectures. War council lectures scheduled for Friday, December 12, are: 1 p. m.,

**Presbyterian Women's society.** Col. 39, Thirty-ninth and Farnam streets, Mrs. R. B. Cole; 2:30 p. m., Girl reserve mothers, Y. W. C. A.; mothers' meeting, 2220 Evans street, Mrs. Robert E. Marble; 2:30 p. m., West Omaha Mothers' club, 1927 South Twenty-ninth street, Mrs. J. Northrup; 3 p. m., Camp Fire mothers, place to be announced later; 7:30 p. m., Y. W. C. A. gym girls.

**Dorcas Club.** The Omaha Dorcas club will be entertained Friday, December 12, at the home of Mrs. Trimble, 2572 Ames avenue.

**Daughters of 1812.** The Daughters of 1812 will not meet for the annual election of officers Friday, December 12. The meeting has been indefinitely postponed.

**West Omaha Mothers.** The West Omaha Mothers' Culture club will meet Friday, December 12, at 2 o'clock with Mrs. J. Cooper at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. Northrup, 1027 South Twenty-ninth street.

**Booklovers**

**Juvenile.** THE STORY OF PHILADELPHIA. By Sara Ware Bassett. Penn Publishing company. Theo Swift goes to the woods with his father and Mr. Croymen and is in for a good time with fishing and canoeing. An accident interrupts his holiday and to help the boy around a hard corner Mr. Croymen, who manufactures porcelain, tells Theo what it is, how it was first made and all about it.

**CAPTAIN LUCY IN FRANCE.** By Allan Havard. Penn Publishing company. Lucy Gordon is an American "Army Girl." She is staying with English cousins when news comes that her father, Colonel Gordon, is seriously wounded. The book is a story of her adventures in the little French town to which she goes.

**A LITTLE MAID OF PHILADELPHIA.** By Alice Turner Curtis. Penn Publishing company. Ruth Pennell lives in Philadelphia, while the British army holds the city. In search of her lost dog she goes up to General Howe's headquarters and there meets Major Andre. She overhears important news that must be carried to the famous general. The story is full of interesting adventures.

**MARGERY MORRIS—MARGOT.** By Violet Gordon Gray. Penn Publishing company. Although a newcomer in the town Margery was popular. What with good times and skating and a jolly automobile ride to Princeton, life looks easy to her. Then Bunny came and everything was different, but there was a way out and you could trust Margery to find it.

**Miscellaneous.** THE RUSSIAN PENITENTIUM. By Arthur E. East. The author, who has been in close touch with Russian affairs for many years, in this book describes the situation in Russia under the rule of autocracy, democracy and bolshevism, in turn. He throws light on the characters of Lenin and Kerensky, shows the political development of Siberia and essays an answer to the question, "What can we do to help Russia?"

**ANGLOPHOBIA.** By J. G. Cook. The Four Seas company. An analysis of anti-British prejudice in the United States from the time of the American Revolution to the present. This book will be of particular help to the teacher who feels the need of an authoritative work which will enable him to combat the natural prejudices of the American schoolboy against England, and it will aid those interested in the development of friendly relations between England and the United States.

In the amazing increase in divorce cases throughout Great Britain it is notable that the large majority of actions are brought by husbands, where a few years ago the petitioner was usually a woman.

Medical inspectors in the public schools of some of the large cities have found that much of the malnutrition of the small pupils is due to too much candy and insufficient breakfast.

Contrary to the customs in Japan, China and India, the young married couple in Burma reside with the bride's parents.

**Woman Suffrage Demanded in India**

In the struggle for a higher conception and fuller realization of freedom and progress that is taking place throughout the whole world, the women of India are taking their full share.

In accordance with a pledge given in 1917, a bill to give self-government to India is now being considered by the British parliament. But as at present framed, the government of India bill provides only for the enfranchisement of men in spite of the considerable body of evidence in favor of women's suffrage which was submitted to the committee of lords and commons dealing with the measure. Upon its terms becoming known, mass meetings were held in different parts of India, and resolutions were passed protesting against the exclusion of women. Bombay was particularly active in expressing its disapproval. It not only held meetings and cabled the results of resolutions to the government, but its branch of the Women's India association, appointed two of its members to travel to England and give evidence before the Southborough committee. Mrs. and Miss Tata—the chosen delegates—did not, however, arrive in time, owing to delays on the way. They have since sent in a written statement of their views, and have received a promise that it shall be considered.

"If women are enfranchised on the same terms as men in the reform bill—which gives the vote on a property qualification—about 1,000,000 women will be emancipated as compared with 5,000,000 men. These, by the very nature of the case, will be the better educated women. And even if time should ever bring about universal suffrage in India, there could never be a preponderance of women voters, as the men outnumber the women by about 500,000."

It is the opinion of Mrs. and Miss Tata that if the real position were properly understood by the British electorate there would be no obstacle to the inclusion of women in the bill. "There is practically no opposition among Indians," Miss Tata continued, "and no anti-suffrage movement. Indeed, if the bill should be carried as it stands it will for the first time introduce a sex disability hitherto unknown in our country. And as, during the last 20 years or so, the higher education of women has made immense strides, this will be the more intolerable. There are at present over 1,000 women graduates, besides an untold number who are widely educated without possessing academic honors. And it is admitted by all who have come into close contact even with those who have received no scholastic education that they are on the whole unusually intelligent."

The war, too, had its effect on the women of India as on those of other countries. Many who had not previously taken part in public life joined the women's council, which organized sewing classes, nursed the wounded, entertained the troops and collected thousands of rupees for the war fund. Thus the political consciousness of its members was aroused and stimulated. An intense desire to know and understand the

**Famous Women**

**Idit, Lot's Wife.** Beautiful minx. It seems too hard to have had herself doom herself to turn into a "Pillar of Salt." She had the almond-shaped eyes, the tawny skin, the slender stature of the race of Israel of old. But she had one besetting sin—to look back. Lamenting never gets you anywhere. No matter what happens in life, Forward! Forward! should be the motto. Idit was Abraham's niece by marriage. With her husband, Lot, she lived in Sodom, on the shores of the Dead Sea. This Lot was very wealthy; and not a bad Lot. Sodom and Gomorrah were famed for their monstrous sins, and Lot was warned by an angel to flee the place—AND NOT TO LOOK BACK. Its destruction by fire was near. Lot obeyed. But Idit looked back—with regret, and was turned into a pillar of salt. Josephus declared that he identified her form in a crystallized rock-salt formation in the vicinity. Today the Arabs call the Dead Sea the Bahr Int (Sea of Lot).

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