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on all sorts of trivial errands, and how no one but Frau Cosima could manage him. How at sixty he had the animation of a schoolboy and used to catch the stately Cosima unabashed by her crinoline and dignity and whirl her about until she was quite out of breath.

One of his best stories is about a party at Wahnfried at which Frau Amalie Materna was present. Frau Materna was the ideal Brunhilda of her time and regarded Wagner with a groveling adoration. When he met her in his salon on this occasion she rushed upon him with all the enthusiasm of her ponderous physique and gave him a Brunhilda embrace that left his linen a crumpled wreck. The Master took it gracefully but immediately fled to another room. Later in the evening Frau Materna saw him again and bore down upon him, her arms extended, but this time he fled precipitately from the impulsive Brunhilda crying: "Nein, nein, Frau Materna, das will ich gar nicht!"

One of these good musicians used to live at Rouen in the days when the great Gustave Flaubert dwelt there, hammering out his masterpieces word by word and weeping bitterly when the pronoun unavoidably occurred twice in a sentence. It seems that Flaubert tried even there to have the atmosphere of the Orient about him and used to dress in red and white striped Turkish trousers and a scarlet silk jacket, and thus attired would walk in his garden and converse with his parrots, probably teaching them to avoid the repetition of the pronouns he hated. In those days the good towns folk of Rouen used to say to their children on Sunday morning, "Now if you are very good today, we will take you to Monsieur Flaubert's garden and let you look at him," and the children were as happy as if they were going to a circus.

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There will be no meeting of the Household Economics department on Monday, owing to its nearness to Christmas.

The Deborah Avery Chapter of the D. A. R. have decided to offer a handsome gold medal annually, to the young lady graduate of the Lincoln High School who prepares the best paper on American history requiring some original investigation. The chapter now has fifty members which entitles it to two delegates to the national congress at Washington.

The club women of Denver are pushing a strong campaign this year. The meetings are well attended, and are full of interesting and live discussion upon topics of interest to this day and generation. It is a noticeable fact that the clubs all over the country have begun to take up practical subjects in the meetings, and there is less of the playing at doing something, and more of the real doing. American history, the study of Shakespeare, the investigation of problems civic and municipal, are the things which seem to be attracting the attention of the women in this day and age. The move is on in the right direction, and long may it continue.

At the last meeting of the Child Study department the subject of growth was discussed, especially growth in its relations to health and mental capacity. Mrs. Berge, Miss Vinnie Beach and Miss Robbins had papers which it is much wished every mother with school children had heard. Not only did they show careful study, but the individual experience and thought presented, made them valuable and interesting and they provoked a discussion full of suggestion. Busy mothers who cannot find time to study these important subjects, will find the work done here so very profitable and there should be mothers to cooperate with the teachers to get full value out of the work. Mrs. Wolfe's paper on growth before birth, opening the discussion, was clear and interesting.

The History and Art Club of Albion, was organized January 28th, 1896.

The first officers were Mesdames A. Harris, President; H. O. Ostien, Vice-President; T. H. Barkley, Secretary and Treasurer.

The organization became a member of the Nebraska State Federation of Women's Clubs, in September this year. Ancient History has been the course of study thus far, with current topics and discussion of same. The present officers are President, Mrs. James Howell; Vice-President, Mrs. T. H. Barkley; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Millie Mayer.

The last meeting was held December 14th and was an especially interesting one. The lesson embraced a general review of Grecian Art and Literature, from its earliest period, including the Golden Age. Current events were given by the members.

The Deborah Avery Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were entertained on Thursday afternoon December 16th, at the home of the State Regent, Mrs. L. B. Pound. The event

was in commemoration of the "Boston Tea Party," and the scholarly address by Dr. George E. Howard, of Leland Stanford University, on the Massachusetts Bay Colony was of great interest to the members, who are just now taking up that topic in history. Those who heard Dr. Howard were imbued with new zeal and will bring added enthusiasm to their study of American history. The program closed with a song by Miss Helen Minor, charmingly rendered and much enjoyed by all, followed by a social hour with dainty refreshments. This Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution though one of the youngest in the national organization is also one of the most active and its members can trace ancestors whose record is a source of pride to the whole Chapter.

Mrs. James H. Canfield in her address before the Ohio Federation spoke of "Clubable" women and is quoted as follows by the Club Woman: "There are many definitions of the word clubable. With our brothers, any man who is a 'good fellow' belongs to this class. With a woman a little more is required. To be a desirable club woman, she must have three characteristics. First she must be fond of reading and must wish for the companionship of others in intellectual pursuits. She must be good natured, and she must have common sense, and the good taste to recognize the eternal fitness of things. In the proportion of these qualifications which she possesses will she approach the ideal club woman. Bereft entirely, or even in large part of these characteristics, she should be shunned as utterly ineligible to the membership of any woman's club, no matter what her wealth or social standing may be."

The department of science and philosophy of the Denver Woman's club held a very interesting meeting last week. One of the features of the meeting was a paper by Mrs. W. A. L. Cooper on "Growth of Tolerance and Altruism in the Nineteenth Century." The essayist took an optimistic and encouraging view, believing that there was simply no comparison between this and other centuries in this respect. The century had been a tremendous revolution in the point of view, both of the individual and the masses. As late as 1853, Buckle says, the Scotch Presbyterians, instead of cleaning the abounding filth from their seats and premises to stay the ravages of the Asiatic cholera, presented a protest to the English government claiming that God was punishing the nation because the government had appointed no day of fasting and prayer. Scientific sanitation today finds more favor with the multitude as an antidote to epidemics than much pleading before the throne of grace. Ecclesiastic rule within this century has held a sway the idea of which today would provoke only mirth. Tolerance for the beliefs of others is now a matter of course, and altruism is rising in a great wave that has gone forth and revolutionized the care of the insane, the management of prisons, the rescue and care of unfortunate children, the workhouses, the jails, the tenement districts, etc. In fact, Mrs. Cooper most effectively

proved that civilization has arrived at the stage of putting plasters on itself, and that, therefore, there is some hope that it will sometime take an internal remedy which will obviate the necessity of plasters. There was a general discussion in which Mesdames Platt, Nagel, Ordway, Cornwall and others, participated. Mrs. Nagel brought out the point that environment meant a good deal more than heredity, and instanced the fact that the descendants of the convicts in Australia had reached an advancement in social reforms and conditions that the descendants of the Puritans were glad to humbly copy.

The meeting of the Woman's Club on Monday afternoon, called forth the usual large attendance. The membership of this club is constantly increasing and 489 names are now enrolled. The president Mrs. Scott, announced that it had been decided at the meeting of the Board that the club give \$25 to the traveling library. A motion was made congratulating Mr. William Reed Dunroy on the successful issue of his new book and promising him the support of the club. On account of the teacher's meeting, the civics department will not meet again until January 14. Several charming piano selections were contributed by Miss Young.

The speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Pugh of Omaha, was introduced as vice-president of the State society of Household Economics. She spoke of the immense progress of this age in all lines, and contended that the advance in kitchen science was as great as in any other. With the aid of the gas range and other alleviations to drudgery it had been elevated to an artistic plane.

Mrs. Pugh was assisted in her demonstrations by members of the department of household economics, and with the aid of the chafing dish most delicious sea turtle soup and Virginia panned oysters were served to the ladies present, each of whom had come provided with her own saucer and spoon.

The club women of Denver are already busy with their preparations for the Biennial in June, according to the Club Woman, which says: "Among all the clubs, not only of the city, but of the State, there is a feeling of eager anticipation of the good time coming. The biennial board has engaged the Broadway theatre for its sessions, including the Sunday night, on which the great public meeting will take place. On this occasion the leading lights of the Federation will speak on "The Spiritual Significance of Organization." This meeting is a pet plan of Mrs. Hendon's.

The Broadway seats nearly 2,000 including the 300 who may find places upon the stage. The acoustic properties are of the best, and as several Denver women have spoken there at various times with perfect ease both to themselves and their listeners, it is thought that there will be no trouble on this score. There will be reading and rest rooms, telephones, conveniences for letters, telegrams, or doing anything in fact, that a club woman could possibly want to do, under the same roof.

The theatre will be freshly decked each morning with the famous wild flowers of the Rockies, gathered and sent in by the club women of the mountain towns. One afternoon will be given to private receptions, the different delegations being divided among different houses. There will also be one grand reception at the chief hotel of the city, where all may meet together socially.

A far more characteristic occasion, however, will be an excursion 'around the Loop,' the typical scenic excursion which is taken by all tourists who desire to catch a glimpse of the Rockies with