

A PRAIRIE PASTEL.

Across the level prairie,
faint at first
As tint of opal,
creeps a tinge of green
That overcomes at last
the gray and brown,
As tides, the sands that gird
the ocean's sheen.

And ever as the verdant
tide moves on
The bending skies
grow softer overhead,
And near the shallow stream
that flows thro' sand
The stunted willow
lifts its lance of red.

On broken gum-weeds
sings the meadowlark,
His song seems calling
to the stirring earth
To loosen from their prison
in the mold
The prairie flowers that decked
the spring-lake's birth.

And now and then
a sonorous call comes down
From out the sun-kissed air,
as northward fly
The wild geese in an arrow
haze and black,
The only shade against
the azure sky.

The shimmering sunshine
floods the earth and sky
As with a bath of gold;
the light winds lift
The fragrance of the grass
and bear it far
To some bare land and leave
their precious gift.

As far as eye can reach,
the level land,
its floor unbroken
by a rift or seam,
Outstretches till it meets
the curving sky
A world as fair as ever
graced a dream.

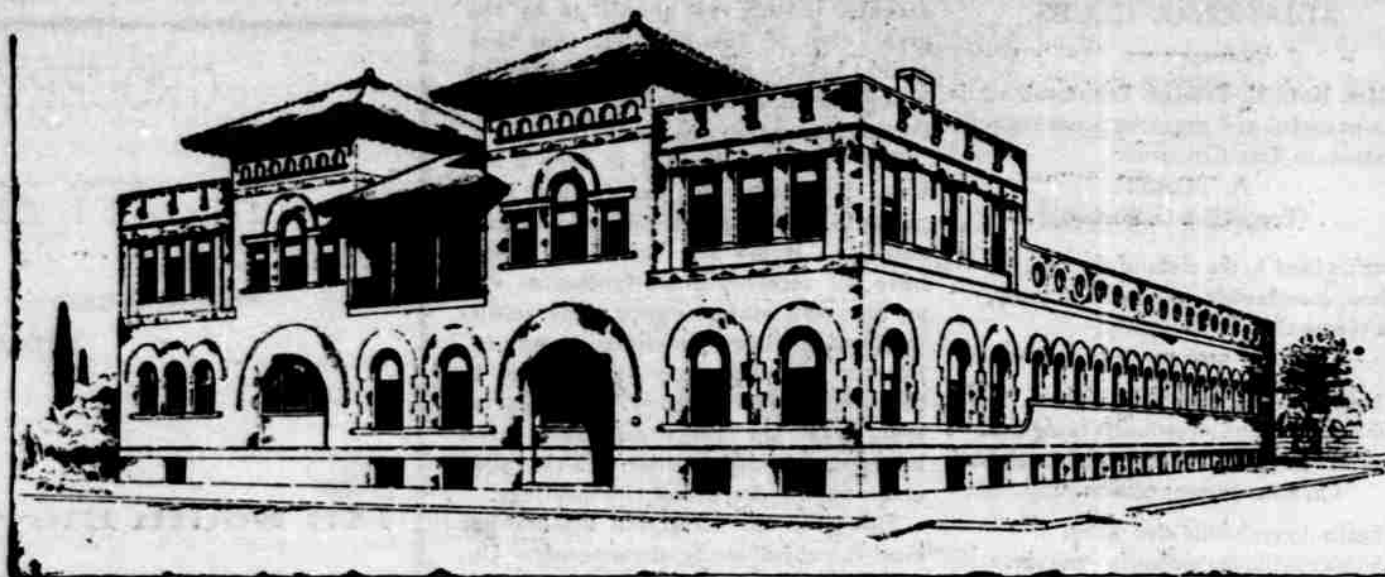
—William Reed Dunroy.

London Letter.

I hear from Cannes that the Prince of Wales has been taking cycling lessons from an expert. He always has his equerry in attendance and pursues his studies with great energy. I suppose he prefers to do his practice while he is abroad. Hitherto he has only ridden a tricycle. By the time he comes home he will, no doubt, be quite expert. He is enjoying his holiday like a boy let loose from school. Everyone seems determined to give him a good time. The most amusing tales are told about the little dinners which are being got up expressly to please him. You can imagine easily how they are constituted, plenty of wit and beauty, and no responsibility. He will be very sorry to come home. Everyone is talking about the charms

of Lady Granville Gordon's debutante daughter and only girl, Miss Armyne Gordon. The fair lassie—who is nineteen—bears her father's second name as her own baptismal one. It was very cute of Lady Granville so to arrange her trade venture as to be able to retire on a comfortable competence some years before her daughter's debut. You see, by the rules of the English court, she could not have presented Miss Armyne had she been keeping on her pretty shop. The paradoxical regulation is that no one engaged in retail trade may be on Her Majesty's visiting list, but the big wholesale people, like the Allsopps or Sir Blundell Maple, may go to court freely and the Marchioness of Londonderry and Lady Dudley are not refused the private *entree* because their husbands sell coal. Armyne Gordon and her mother wore two of the very prettiest of the dresses at the last drawing room. She will get plenty of gayety this season, for her aunts on her father's side include the Countesses of Ancaster and Lonsdale, while her uncle, of course, is the Marquis of Huntly. She has two brothers still in their teens.

Lord Hopetoun's two sisters, Ladies Estella and Dorothea Hope, have started a pony farm in Kent, which they intend to make a paying concern. Both young ladies are bright, practical and fond of country life, so people are prophesying success to their plucky venture. Pony breeding is a coming industry, according to economic wisacree. One of our brightest woman writers, Ella Hepworth Dixon, has been airing her opinion of your countrywomen. She finds the American woman charming as an entity, and dwells with delight upon the *esprit de corps* which leads fair Americans to make friends with each other, dress to please each other, and entertain each other. "An Englishwoman," she says, "regards every other woman as her natural enemy. In America,



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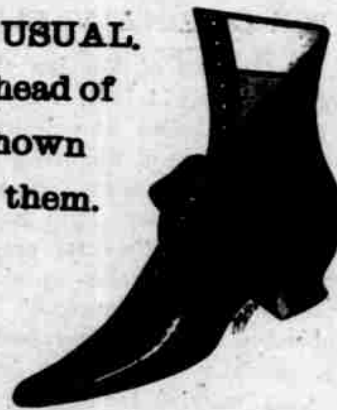
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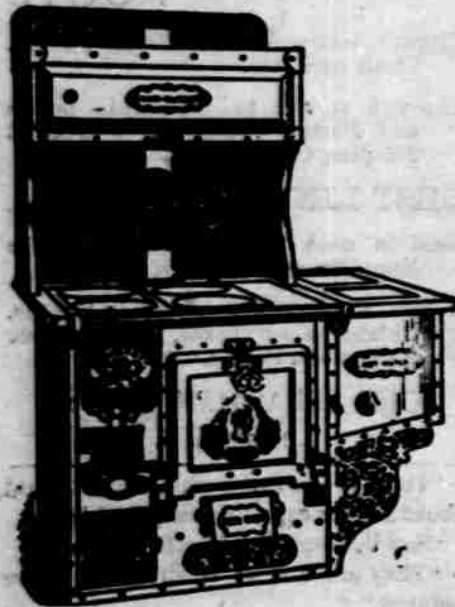
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talk at home; he is "treated with rigor." On the whole, the writer agrees with Mr. Henry James that the lot of an American woman is to be intensely envied by the British gentlewoman, whose only prospect is "to slide and dodge through life." Please understand that I repeat all this without prejudice.

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