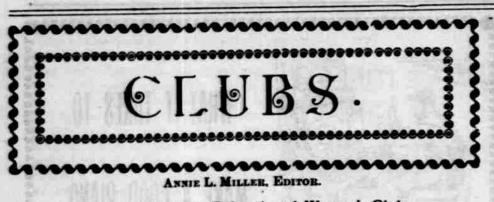
THE COURIEF



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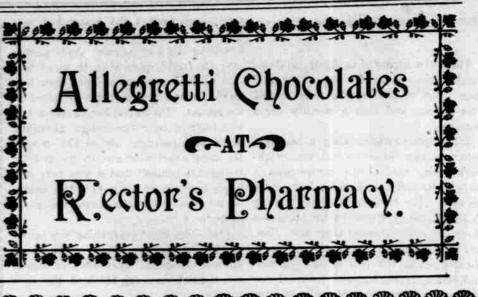
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The program of the Second National the form of a large check. Congress of Mothers is very handsome. Very important work has been accom-Upon the front cover is a baby's picture, plished at this congress outside of the a beautiful little child, said to be one of discussion of matters pertaining to the the three small children of the presi- welfare of the little folks. A constitution dent, Mrs. Theodore Birney of Wash- and by-laws have been adopted, the ington, D. C. The idea of this great organization incorporated and steps national mothers' meeting originated taken to put it upon a paying basis. A with Mrs. Birney, a gentle, low-voiced memorial fund is also to be established delicate mother, whose little ones so and it is thought that this can be made tilled her heart that it overflowed a fruitful source of revenue. Mothers with the milk of human kindness toward whose little ones have slipped from their other mothers and other little ones. Her clinging arms will be asked to give as modest thought of calling together a few their means permit, some small, some mothers to consult as to ways and larger sums, yearly, to support and edumethods of bettering humanity through cate homeless children in memory of mother's love rapidly developed into empty chairs and lonely hearth stones. It the great result of a National Moth- would be very interesting to notice most ers' Congress, which has been the sur- of the fine papers delivered on this occaprise and admiration of all.

which convened last year were provided tertentation," was in her most pleasing largely by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst. She and entertaining mood and judging gave lavishly of her great wealth and from the report in the Washington the first congress was a success. Many papers completely captured her audiat first called it the "new woman's fad;" ence. Mrs. John McNeil, delegate from many thought it ephemeral; some ridic- the Woman's club of Denver, represented ulous, but the large body of intelli- the largest individual constituency in gent women grasped the idea, feeling the congress a club of eight hundred sure that it held the germ of a grand women. She is said to be a woman of work for humanity. We have before rare executive ability, an organizer withmentioned the unusual response to this out an equal, and possessed of that sterfirst call. The ladies in charge thought ling integrity of purpose which makes the banquet rooms of the Arlington her a noble leader. One of the instrucwould be large enough to hold all who tive papers was "Can Heredity Be Modiwould come, but when the hour of open- fied," by Helen Gardener. Another caling came all the available room on the culated to do much good was by Theofirst floor of this large hote! was filled dore F. Seward, originator of "The and the pavement was blockaded in Don't Worry Movement," by the way front. Adjournment was taken to one one of the mottos on the program was, of the largest churches in the city. This 'Do not hurry, do not worry, as this was also packed to the doors and the world you travel through." This "don't pavement blockaded. So overflow meet- worry" man came in for plenty of chafings were held in the basement class fing because of a little joke which I give: rooms and at the hotel. Thus this The pretty badges, pinned on so deftly meeting of mothers, called as an experi- by Mrs. Verrill, are followed by a "ten ment, achieved such a success that the cents, please," and so winningly that it continuation of the good work was as ought to bring a quarter at least. Mr. sured. Before the adjournment of this Seward walked up to the table and after first congress steps were taken to per- a few moments conversation got the petuate the organization by arranging bads for an annual congress which should not pay for it. Mrs. Verrill put down on meet at the national capital as a dele- her list, "Badge to Mr. Seward; don't gated body. This second congress, worry about your ten cents." In the which has just closed, was even a greater morning Mr. Seward hustled himself success than the first. Speakers were down to Mrs. Verrill's table and planked there from all over the world. There down his ten cents, with profuse apolowere representatives from far-away In- gies for his lapse of memory. dis, Japan and Italy. In all there were sixty-five speakers, many regular orators Mrs. Verrill, smilingly. and many specialists in their particular "Well, perhaps you didn't," responded "mothers." both to make a home and when we get "Physical of Motherhood." Mrs. Mary both interested in this grand movement E. Bart of New York City, gave a scholto lasting reform."

sion, but space forbids. Mrs. Hiller of

The ways and means for the congress Omaha, who spoke on "Chilhood an Ine, but at ntiy walked ou



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is marred by the poor delivery. Women being present. After the opening ex who are desirous of being public speak - ercises, a short business session was held ers, even if on subjects concerning the The federation badges which the presihome, ought to learn to use their voices dent had just received were admired by s) that an audience can hear them. by all for their simplicity and beauty,

The programs announced "hats off" dur- Mrs. E. T. Tanner. ing the week and off they came. At the evening session the handsomely gowned The Schuyler Woman's club met in women wore on their head only woman's the month of April on regular club days, crowning glory, with a rose or some the first and third Wednesdays of the sweet flower, or at most a bit of a bonnet month, at the resid nce of Mrs. Rosenof crushed roses.

The Northbend Woman's club met in usual interest. regular session Saturday afternoon, May The program for the first meeting 14. A good part of the time was taken covered that part of U.S. history or the up with business, after which an in- critical period intervening between the teresting and instructive program was Revolution and the adoption of our prescarried out. Roll call was answered by ent constitution. Each member present "Odd sayings of children." The subject giving some part of that period, making of the afternoon being Child Study, the the meeting instructive as well as enterleader trained a class of little children, taining; closing with current events and who entertained the club with Mother discussion on the public library, its use Goose Melodies and kindergarten songs. and its abuse or, when beneficial was Papers were read on the subjects, detrimental. Motherless children and childless women Inclement weather prevented our meet--what can they do for each other, and ing on first club day in May, but the What the kindergarten means to mothers week furnished an opportunity of hearand The principles and spirit of the ing the President of the Nebraska State kindergarten. The meeting was then Federation lecture on Two American open for remarks from any one. The History and Art club of Albion Woman's and Tourist's clubs of this met Tuesday afternoon, April 26, with city. An appreciative audience of ladies Mrs. O. M. Needham. The president, and gentlemen was present. Mrs. Howell being absent, Mrs. T. H. All enthusiastic club women who at-Barkley, vice president, presided. The tended the lecture were encouraged in program opened with a musical selection their enthusiasm and efforts to struggle which was followed with current topics onward and upward. And those who in respond to roll call. The period of history discussed "The were beneficial and helpful to all womreign of Diocletian and Constantine the en so connected, by strengthening, ex-Great." After the general lesson, re- panding and broadening the mind, and view topics were given out and each the uplifting and refining of home inmember required to give a short talk fluences, left with doubts partially if upon the subject assigned her, as it was not entirely removed, by the fitting and a change from the usual order of review. logical arguments given in favor of clubs Every one was greatly interested.

People soon lose interest when through and were soon disposed of. An hour fifteen minutes all that they know of was then spent in class work, the subject what is going on is that a pretty women under discussion, "Social life of the in her best gown is making her mouth Romans." "Literaay men among the Romans." The remainder of the time The mothers congress is progressive. was spent in parlimentary drill, led by

> berg. The attendance of the month for different reasons was small, but of un-

was unable to be present at the last con- paper said: gress, but she showed her interest in The effect of the fine papers presented

"Oh, I didn't worry about it," said

lines. Hardly a calling or profession in Mr. Seward earnestly, "but I worried all life but what was represented by dis- night." And then he looked surprised tinguished men and women. This is because all the women around laughed. not a sex movement and the "fathers" Mrs. Frederic Schoff of Philacelphia are deeply interested and are invited took for her subject "The Necessity of to take part in the councils of the Training Our Daughters for Motherbood." Mrs. Serenson, director of

"This is exactly what we want," one mother conferences, Salt Lake City, gave matron mid, "it takes father and mother a very instructive address on the we have gone a long way on the road arly address on "Literature for Chil. dren." The usual criticism on women

Mrs. Hearst, the fair godmother of conventions seems to have held good at the movement, is traveling abroad, so this last congress. One Washington by Miss Emily Bull, which was pleasing very clear and able delineation of the

president, Mrs. Howell, a goodly number American Women, Maria Mitchell and

Women. This lecture to the public was given under the auspices of the

were present with doubts whether clubs

in the introductory part of her address.

The program closed with a vocal solo Mrs. Stoutenborough's lecture was a to all. May 10, the club met with the life and character of each of Two