

ing the art of raconte. It is a fact that as a rule women are not good story tellers and when we consider how much a good story adds to the life and jollity of any company, and especially to a dinner party, it is certainly a worthy ambition to become an adept in story telling. One class of philosophers tell us women are not good story tellers because they have wit but no humor. Another class avers it is due to their lack of wit even though they do possess humor. Poor women! no wit, no humor, no wonder they are taking this branch of culture to the club for council and co-operation. But philosophers to the contrary, some of the most apt stories we have ever heard have been told by women, and women who laid no special claim to brightness but whose keen intuition never led them astray when the obligation was resting upon them to enliven a somewhat heavy company.

The history department of the woman's club at its last meeting considered "The Coming of the Cavaliers to Virginia." This proved a most interesting subject and brought forth an animated discussion on heredity. It was shown that while the colonies of the south differed widely from those of the north in political and religious faith, yet the social status of the early colonies of Virginia was much the same as the Puritans, neither more nor less. Hence the claims of the Virginians to a corner on exclusive aristocracy was considered unsupported by history. The subject for the next meeting is "Bacon's Rebellion." The household Economics department met in the Y. W. C. A. dining room last Monday afternoon. A very interesting and instructive talk was given by Mrs. M. D. Welch on "Farinaceous Foods."

Mrs. G. F. Saylor entertained the Century club at its last meeting. The subject for the afternoon "The Washington and Boston Libraries," was presented by Mrs. Waite. These two magnificent buildings were described and compared in detail. Mrs. Waite gave a graphic description of the artistic beauty of these buildings and explained the artist's methods of painting the beautiful ceiling domes and the high arches of the riches along the long hall ways. It proved a very entertaining subject and was highly enjoyed by the members. Mrs. Saylor then gave an instructive talk on "How to View a Picture." The next meeting will be with Mrs. Polk.

The next open meeting of the Woman's club will be under the charge of Miss Anna Barr in the university gymnasium on March 27. On this occasion each member of the club will be permitted to take one guest.

We find this beautiful little fiction—which is very real fiction—in the woman's department of Self Culture, which is edited by Elia W. Peattie. It is such a charming way to answer the questions sometimes asked by club women, "are we taking ourselves too seriously?"

A young matron was heard to say at a reception the other day: "I am going to take up my study of philosophy. I want to understand myself and my actions, and to tabulate those actions and classify myself. I want to know the definition of things. I want to find out why I think as I do, and what relation such thought bears to my antecedents, and the relative possession of my will to my instinct. I wish to know myself."

"Well, I think you'll enjoy the knowledge," replied an elder woman who was listening. "At least all the rest of us enjoy knowing you, though I may object that part of the delight which we have taken in your acquaintance has been because of your perfect objectivity. You alone, of us all, seemed to enjoy life without knowing why. You have not

reflected. You have laughed. You have sung. You have danced. You have been a good wife and a lovely mother. You have been a true friend. You like every form of innocent enjoyment, and you have not questioned why. I have often remarked to my husband that you were the natural woman, cultivated, but not spoiled by civilization. Now you are going to start on an excursion down the melancholy paths of subjectivity. You are going to question and consider and contemplate, and perhaps, after a time, you are going to doubt. I see it is inevitable that you are to become as sad and sophisticated as the rest of us. Then you will dance because it is the fashion, you will sing to please others or to win a reputation, and you will laugh merely to apprise those about you that you have a sense of humor."

"Why, you are deprecating knowledge!" cried the young matron. "Do you want me to remain an ignoramus?"

"No, my dear. But you have something better than philosophy or metaphysical knowledge. You have sane, natural, innocent, exuberant impulses. You live. You do not contemplate life. You are young in an age when all seems old and jaded and gray. When you are learned I shall endeavor to congratulate you—but you must not expect me to forget how lovely you have seemed to us in your sweet unconsciousness."

The following letter is printed for the benefit of the club women of Nebraska who may wish to avail themselves of this opportunity:

Dear Madam: At a meeting of the delegates to the federation of women's clubs of Pennsylvania, held in Chester, Pa., November, 1898, the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to organize a Federation Traveling club."

Some of the reasons that led to the unanimous adoption of that resolution were these:

Our members are sufficiently well read and experienced to appreciate the advantages of foreign travel; it gives broader ideas of people and things, a wider mental horizon, an ability to read history in a new light and with greater pleasure; it furnishes a healthy and most enjoyable relaxation from usual cares, and gives a certain variety of education that can be obtained in no other way. Many members who have long desired a trip abroad have been hindered by a lack of definite and reliable information as to routes, accommodations and expenses; many have been deterred by lack of suitable companionship. Those who have contemplated joining organized parties have found many tours to be of so expensive a character as to be suited for millionaires only; they have found other tours to be planned on a basis so economical as to be miserly, lacking many comforts to which our members are accustomed in daily life; or what is more frequent, they have found that the route of travel did not include many places which there was an eager desire to visit.

There was a desire for the co-operation of members to secure comfort, proper companionship, a reduction in living expenses while abroad, and a reduction in transportation. What co-operation can do in such respects was amply illustrated by the journeys to and from Denver last June when the National Federation met there. The delegates who had the advantage of co-operation rode in through cars luxuriously fitted and had agreeable companionship; yet their expenses were less than the expenses of those who without the advantage of co-operation made their trips as individuals.

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that seem so naturally to belong to women that it seems impossible to them to cease rendering them, and here it is that the hardest battle of the head and heart begins. Some of these services are dear because they give pleasure to the server, some because they give comfort to the served. It is not easy to turn from either, says a writer in Harper's Bazar. It is not easy, women are apt to think with some bitterness, to be a professional woman at all. And now again the head must be heeded. If you have honestly decided that as a duty to your talents, or to expediency, or to some other good motive, it is best for you to follow an outside profession, the way to begin is not with weak lamentations and comparisons of sex. One great reason for our thinking of man's path as so much easier in his professional career is because sacrifice to gain an end has become so a matter of course in the lives of men that we take their efforts as no sacrifice at all. It is not always as easy as it looks for a man to leave the bedside of a sick child, the hearth of an ailing wife, or even the happy sitting room and the bright chatter of those he loves, to go to a work that sternly calls him.

A mother, who was visiting her son after a long separation, complained to him with feeling that he had not spent a single entire day with her since her coming, which was wholly to see him. "Tell your firm you haven't seen your mother for five years," she urged. "They will give you a day off, surely."

The son was a loving filial son, but his hair fairly rose on his head at the idea "Why, mother! You don't know what

work is. They'd give me the day fast enough, and then get a man who hadn't any mother."

On March 18 the Zetetic club of Weeping Water held a special meeting with its president, Mrs. Margaret Sackett. There were thirteen members present. After roll call and reading of the minutes Mrs. Monroe reported for the committee appointed to visit our public school. She was pleased with the good order in the rooms she visited, also found a great contrast between the manner of entering and leaving school now and the years past when she was a school girl, very much in favor of the present system. The club decided to extend an invitation to the Plattsmouth and Ashland clubs to visit us in May. After transacting necessary business the ladies preceded with the program, which was omitted at the last meeting on account of the absence of the leader, consisting of parliamentary drill, under the able leadership of Mrs. Hungate. We were sorry there was not more time to devote to this study, as our leader came with text book, chart and notes well prepared to instruct us, but we adjourned feeling the hour had been a profitable one to all.

The department of parliamentary practice, assisted by the officers, leaders of departments and the entire membership of the Woman's club, will give a reception to the wives of the members of the Nebraska legislature Tuesday, March 28, from 3 to 5 in the afternoon at the Woman's club rooms.