

League in a way against these crying evils of our manufacturing systems. In a recent Bazar Margaret Hamilton Welch says:

"To the Consumers' League of New York city belongs the credit of a pioneer movement in the work. It was the first in this country. Mrs. Frederick Nathan, the broad-minded, far-seeing president, early realized the importance of making the work national. To this end, from the beginning she has lent herself to the spreading of a knowledge of the object and methods of the work. Reports were sent to Philadelphia, to begin with, and to an invitation to speak in that city before the Ethical Culture Association Mrs. Nathan promptly responded. Following her address, a committee was formed, out of which, later, the Pennsylvania league came into existence. Similarly, Mrs. Nathan and Mrs. Lowell appeared on invitation in Brooklyn, the Brooklyn league organizing soon after. It is fully two years ago that Mrs. Nathan's inspiring talk at Boston gave the impetus to a movement in Massachusetts which has put the league on a permanent basis there. John Graham Brooks presided at the meeting, and the large audience represented the intelligence and distinction of that intellectual centre. Harvard professors, Miss Longfellow and her sister Mrs. Dana, Mrs. Margaret Deland, and many more were present at that meeting. The committee appointed at that time was the beginning of the Massachusetts league. Later, Mr. Brooks carried the message to Chicago, and the Illinois league resulted. Miss Sanford, an earnest worker for the league, spoke not long ago in Richmond, Virginia, and a league is now being established there."

The results hoped for are not only a demand for goods made under proper conditions, but that in the near future a Consumers' label will be the insignia for this work. The good to come from this organization of forces must be speedy and far-reaching.

The league has been fortunate in having its work guided by wise and conservative women. These work with, not against, the conditions which they find. They are not radical, but desirous rather of helping. The movement has needed tact and discretion of an unusual kind from the first. The work of the league cannot be prosecuted without criticism, but it is a significant fact that in many cases merchants who have first resented and resisted its approach have later not only admitted its usefulness, but have cordially supported its efforts.

May this heaven inspired work speedily leaven the whole country, until the very best possible conditions surround the wage earner.

Lincoln has just reasons to congratulate herself that at the biennial meeting of the general federation of musical clubs to be held in St. Louis next month two places have been granted to the Matinee Musicale. This is the more gratifying as there are to be only two programs given by representatives of the federated clubs. Mrs. Will Owen Jones has been elected to represent the instrumental work of the club, and Miss Pauline Maude Oakley the vocal work.

Mrs. C. H. Gere entertained the Fortnightly on last Friday afternoon. The subject under discussion was the Crimean War and proved of general interest. The next meeting will be with Miss Harr's when Mrs. Oliver Rodgers will lead in the discussion of Napoleon's Invasion of Russia.

Ladies who have had the courage of their convictions and adopted the rainy day skirts have been reveling in

its comforts the past two months. Cinders says this reminds her of a story told by Artemus Ward, viz. There was a man who was thrown into a Spanish prison where he lay seventeen years. All at once a happy thought struck him. He opened the window and got out. Members of the rainy day club are wondering why they did not raise the window years ago and make themselves thoroughly comfortable.

Mrs. E. L. Hinman and Mrs. F. G. Franklin entertained the Faculty Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon at 913 H street.

At the first annual meeting of the N. F. W. C. which was held in Lincoln four years ago, we first heard the presiding officer addressed as Madame President. At the time there was considerable quiet criticism as to the good taste of using a title which from time immemorial has been associated with disreputable women. Perhaps if the criticism had not been so quiet the custom had not so rapidly spread; at least we are glad to see that the criticisms do not all come from Nebraska, and still it raises the question, possibly had Nebraska had the courage of her convictions four years ago, the term Madam as applied to the presiding officer if it be a woman, would not now prevail.

The following on this subject is from the Club Woman for February:

"Dear Mrs. Osgood: I'm a man, but my wife reads The Club Woman and so do I. I am somewhat exercised regarding a custom which is creeping into existence in and near the great Hub of the Universe. It is the method of addressing the presiding officer if it be a woman. They say "Madame President" and "Madame Chairman." I'm so excited about it I dare not sign my name."

"I agree with you. Let us hope a reaction will set in. It was pleasing to read that Mrs. Lee of Colorado, the first woman who ever presided over a House of Representatives, was not once addressed as Madame Speaker, although there was a great deal of variety in the "name, style and title" by which her fellow representatives addressed her."

There is no possible reason why club women could not say "Mrs. President" or "Mrs. Chairman" with equal propriety and certainly with much better taste.

Many and various are the objects of the chain letter. The latest use to which it has been put is to further the cause of woman's suffrage in Oklahoma. Suffragists made a losing fight in the last legislature and have already commenced the campaign for favorable legislation at the next session.

The endless chain letter to be used reads as follows:

"You are cordially invited to join the ranks of suffrage advocates in Oklahoma. We intend to form the woman's suffrage people into one immense club and make the people—everybody—its members."

The next session of the Oklahoma legislature has agreed to take up the suffrage question, and we must be there in full force. At the last session we succeeded in getting the measure through the lower house and having it placed on the senate calendar. There, on account of some other measures supposed to be more important, it remained and died.

Every woman in Oklahoma is entitled to a vote. The women assisted in the settlement of this territory and helped to beautify and elevate it. Now we must be allowed to vote.

The recipient of this letter is requested to write a similar one to four friends in this manner the suffrage question

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will be argued around the fire-sides of the members of the legislature and next time our bill will pass.

A Woman's Home-Improvement club, having for its aim the "education and instruction of married women in the art of making their homes comfortable and happy, to the end that they, the said homes, may be attractive to their husbands and conducive to the health and future prospects of their children," has been incorporated within a fortnight at Albany.

So much for a score of years or more has been preached on this subject—always how to make the home happy for the man, be it understood—that one is almost inclined to wonder at the necessity at this late day of a club organized for this particular purpose. Reforms, however, move slowly, and public sentiment is a blossom taking many years to cultivate. Otherwise why should it be that in spite of all the lessons preached, to which we have just referred, so little place is made for men in the great majority of houses? Their beds stand ready for them, their places at the table, and special chairs perhaps, but in how many houses is there a place which a man can claim as exclusively his own? Even if he builds himself a study, a library, or a den, the women of the household are sure to find it the most comfortable room in the house. The daughter prefers it to any other. Into the sanctum of his wife or daughter, on the other hand, a

man never penetrates—certainly never with one of his friends. He may invade a woman's premises on ferry-boats, and observe no restrictions in ships' cabins, but once inside his own door, an instinctive recognition of woman's domestic supremacy controls him. We can count on the fingers of one hand the houses in which men have sanctums of their own, and in which their proprietary rights are never questioned. Does the Home-Improvement club mean to work any reform along these lines?

We are approaching the so styled "Annual Meeting" of woman's clubs. By common consent it has come to be understood that this is a business meeting. Most clubs arrange that it shall be held in the spring, usually in May, and on this occasion elect their officers for the ensuing year. This gives the in-coming officers the summer vacation in which to plan for the clubs' interests for the coming year. There is a growing conviction that it is a mistake to re elect officers too often, and that fairness to club members dictates a rotation should occur yearly, unless under some very exceptional circumstances an officer or a set of officers might be retained a second term. Those who have given this subject any thought must be convinced that the responsibility of office holding is developing, and as the main object of club life is the developing and broadening of life, the chief

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