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This season, so far, has been more than exceptionally good in our Cloak Department simply on account of the splendid value to be found here that you will not possibly find elsewhere. The \$10.00 jacket you can purchase here this week costs you thirteen dollars and fifty cents in other stores. In our line of sample jackets, we have but a few left, will be found fifteen dollar jackets selling for ten dollars. Come as soon as you can if you wish to save money on your fall needs.

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wood as assistant leader and Miss Ida C. Young as secretary. It is very fortunate that the Woman's club has opened this important department with such competent officers.

"The Reformation in Holland" was the subject of a very interesting paper read by Mrs. M. E. Van Brunt before the Century club at its last meeting. Mrs. Herby Hartley, in response to roll call gave a short account of what her daughter Miss Mary saw and heard during her recent visit to the Philippines. The secretary was instructed to send congratulations and flowers to the absent member Mrs. W. M. Hindman. The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. A. Lindley.

The society of the Hall in the Grove meets this year in the afternoon and has planned an instructive year's work. Roll call is responded to by current events. At the last meeting Mrs. DeVore gave an interesting description of Milan. Mrs. Winchester described Verona while Mrs. Lindley told of beautiful Venice. Mrs. Stein introduced the subject for general discussion which was "the Transvaal." The next meeting will be with Mrs. Gibson 1411 G street.

Nebraska's banner club is found at Gering, a small town of only 500 inhabitants located in the northwestern part of the state. The officers of this club are: President, Mrs. Fred D. Wolt; vice president, Mrs. George B. Luft; secretary, Mrs. J. A. Burton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. S. Wood; treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Wood.

Around this club centers the social life of Gering and the surrounding country, members coming from long distances on club day, one member coming regularly although her home is fourteen miles distant. That devotion is typical

of the spirit pervading this club which sent its president 463 miles to the state federation meeting at York. Fifty miles of that distance Mrs. Wolt drove. She told me that she felt amply repaid for her time, trouble and real sacrifices. She hoped to take back, inspiration, enthusiasm and new ideas that might benefit her club and increase the interest in its meetings. This year the Gering club is taking a journey through the United States, studying its physical geography, its resources and possibilities for the future. Each fifth meeting is devoted to parliamentary practice.

If there is a new year book issued by the executive board of the state federation, would it not be well to include in it a printed notice of a proposed change in the by-laws by which provision will be made whereby the corresponding secretary will be appointed by the president instead of elected by the federation? That the president may receive the full benefit of such a secretary in the past they have been both elected from the same city. This change was suggested at York, but no formal notice given, but a printed notice as suggested above would be sufficient.

Six of the city schools of Chicago maintained vacation schools the past summer. Three of these were well attended and were under good discipline, while the Kirzie school on the north side was compelled to close because the boys were so rough it was impossible to control them. Mr. Blything, who had charge of this school, had a rough and tumble fight nearly every day with some of the larger boys.

The average daily attendance was 800. The most popular hours were in the afternoon. This year the schools have been more successfully conducted than ever before because a better corps was

in charge of the play grounds; the attendants at three of them were trained athletes. A greater variety of entertainments were provided this year. The girls were taught handiwork, weaving, basket making and other constructive work. The boys were taught gymnastics and foot ball. Several excursions were given to the parks. The first week the grounds were kept open till 7 p. m. After 6 p. m. grown people came and held social gatherings, which gave rise to the question whether the grounds should be lighted at night so that laborers might enjoy themselves after their day's work.

At the state federation convention the session devoted to the "Educational Symposium" was presided over by Mrs. A. W. Field, chairman of the educational committee. In her opening remarks she explained that she had encountered many difficulties in securing speakers for the subjects on her program. The lady to whom she had assigned "Child Study" said she had no children and none of her sisters had any. The one asked to talk on "Household Economics" replied she had never kept house. Mrs. Field congratulated these ladies—and their audiences—for their wisdom in refraining from talking about those things of which they had no practical knowledge, and read the following poem as illustrative of that point:

THE SPOILER.

(After the manner of Rudyard Kipling).

By M. A. Frost and J. H. Caverno.

A woman there was and she wrote for the press

(As you or I might do).

She told how to cut and fit a dress,
And how to stew many a savory mess,
But she had never done it herself, a guess

(Which none of her readers knew).

Oh, the hour we spent, and the flour we spent,
And the sugar we wasted like sand,
At the heat of a woman who never had cooked
(And now we know that she never could cook),
And did not understand.

A woman there was and she wrote right fair
(As you or I might do),
How out of a barrel to make a chair,
To be covered with chintz and stuffed with hair,
'T would adorn any parlor and give it an air!
(And we thought the tale was true).

Oh, the days we worked, and the ways we worked
To hammer and saw and hack,
In making a chair in which no one would sit,
A chair in which no one could possibly sit,
Without a creak in his back.

A woman there was and she had her fun
(Better than you and I);
She wrote out recipes and she never tried one;
She wrote about children—of course she had none—
She told us to do what she never had done
(And never intended to try).

And it isn't to toil and it isn't to spoil
That brings the cup to disgrace—
It's to follow a woman who didn't know beans
(A woman who never had cooked any beans),
But wrote and was paid to fill space.

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