

# WOMAN'S WORLD.

## HANDSOME HOSTESS OF RUSSIAN LEGATION AT WASHINGTON.

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Mme. de Meek, wife of the secretary of the Russian minister, is one of the most popular of the foreign ladies in Washington. As the wife of the new Russian minister is abroad Mme. de Meek will continue to officiate as the official hostess of the Russian legation. She and the secretary occupy a pretty home in Connecticut avenue, hard by the great Leiter mansion, and its interior is a masterpiece of taste and refinement.



MISS ANNA AYRES.

She is very young, very beautiful and very lovely, is tall and stately and in a superb physique. Her hair is deep black and is styled high in Russian fashion, with a lovely and handsome circle of diamonds banding it when in order.

She has yet to master our language, although she understands the more common words and phrases, but French, Spanish and her own native tongue are like familiar. In reply to the question how she likes America she will say: "Very much. I'm not yet so much as the papers have me there. I was not at the White House as diplomatic reception, and yet as have me in my very pretty gown." Her home breathes an air of orientalism. The drawing room is hung with embroidered bands and banners and other hangings of delicate and ingenious design—all the work of her own hands. Like all Russian ladies, music has great charms for her, and her grand piano in the corner is a source of great comfort to her in her new surroundings.

### Sister Anna Ayres.

Sister Anna Ayres, the pioneer in founding sisterhoods in the Protestant Episcopal church in this country, died recently from bronchitis at St. Luke's hospital, on Cathedral heights. Miss Ayres was born in London, Jan. 3, 1816. In 1836 she came to this country with her mother, four sisters and a brother. Miss Ayres had been well educated, and through the efforts of Henry Carey, the president of the Phoenix bank, she obtained a number of pupils in prominent families of the city.

Miss Ayres continued her work as a tutor for nine years. In the summer of 1845 she took the steps that resulted in the formation of the Sisterhood of the Holy Communion. That summer she spent at College Point with the sister and niece of the Rev. Dr. Muhlenberg, the rector of St. Paul's church. One Sunday Dr. Muhlenberg preached a sermon on Jephthah's vow. Miss Ayres was deeply interested in the sermon, and after carefully considering the matter she decided to devote her life to church and charitable work. On All Saints' day, 1845, she was ordained by Dr. Muhlenberg as a Sister of the Holy Communion. The ceremony attending the founding of the first sisterhood in the church was very simple, and no one witnessed it except the sexton of the church.

From that time she was known as Sister Anna. She established a school at 320 Sixth avenue. When the cholera visited this country, she rendered valuable assistance in the hospitals as a volunteer nurse. She was alone in the sisterhood until 1853, when Miss Brevoort joined her, and took the name of Sister Meta. In 1854 Sister Catherine entered the order, and three years later Sister Harriet became a member. During this period an infirmary was established and the work of the sisterhood was much extended. In 1855 the infirmary erected by John H. Swift was completed, and it became the home of the sisters.

### Swings Her Center.

The modern woman has taken to burning incense at her own shrine. The latest thing in jeweled smelling bottles is a veritable center that swings from lady's chataine, and, when lighted, diffuses a delicate perfume and a tiny cloud of incense.

At a New York operatic matinee the other day an elegant young woman in a sailor made gown and a fetching millinery got up produced her willow smelling salts at the most affecting moment of the performance. As she snapped open the cover and a fine streak of circumambient vapor curled softly up and stole toward the footlights, there was a gasping of peaks in her neighborhood for two whole minutes, while the women tried to investigate this latest idea

of the swooning maidens of half a century ago. The English matron now swings her center through the London drawing rooms as sedulously as she carries her lorgnette rampart.

The perfume burners are also appearing and are to be found in the shops which make a specialty of imported novelties for the toilet, both in sizes for the chataine and for the dressing table.

The little chataine center comes in cut glass and silver in very dainty designs. Its inner mechanism has a nice little device for automatic lighting, extinguishing is accomplished by merely excluding the air by putting on the stopper top.

The perfume burner is in reality a tiny lamp, burning in liquid, a wick, a prepared stick of incense or fragrant, as the frankincense and myrrh of Biblical days. Eastern perfumes, such as the pungent, aromatic, sweet grasses of India and Ceylon, are favorites for this use.—New York Letter.

### Female Education.

A new prophet has arisen in Israel, and by the time the advocates of higher education for women get through with him he will wish he had never been born. He is Sir James Crofton Knowles, a well known English physician, who discusses, in the current number of The Englishman, the question, "Should Woman Be Educated?"

Sir James takes the negative of the proposition, basing his argument upon a certain well recognized physiological and anatomical difference between men and women, but from an admitted premise he draws a ridiculous conclusion. He declares, without qualification or limitation, that over-education has developed a special malady among girls, the gastric disorder which is now so common, which induces headaches, and he says a headachy girl is not unlikely to grow into a hysterical and invalid woman. Her mental state may develop into epilepsy; somnambulism may lead to chronic hysteria, and insanity may lay the foundation of insanity, and ailments at the growth period may entail lifelong debility.

What utter nonsense this is to come from the lips of a man admittedly learned in his profession. There are more growing girls who are injured, physically and mentally, by eating candy, chewing gum and sitting up at night to read novels than are affected injuriously by the higher education. It may be that in rare cases a young woman is over-ambitious; that she develops her intellect at the expense of her body, and that she neglects the ordinary rules of health in her desire to attain knowledge, but many men have done the same thing, so the question is not one of sex, but of disposition and temperament.—San Francisco Chronicle.

### The Order of Gray Ladies.

The new Order of the Gray Ladies begins with the costume. This is obligatory in working hours and has evidently been planned by some wisecrack in feminine lore. It is becoming to all styles, and is expected to act as an incentive in securing recruits. The color is soft silver gray, cashmere for winter and mohair for summer, and the general style suggests the Quaker at once. Turnover collars and cuffs of white silk contribute to the demure effect and give the finishing dainty touch. In smoky London it is doubtful how long the purity will remain, but in the clean, American cities there is an opportunity offered such as has not been known since Quaker maidens cast aside their garb.

The difference between the lay ladies and the regular residents lies in the fact that the former go back to frills and furbies when their allotted task is done, while the latter wear always the fetching garb of gray.

Aside from the costume the only two obligations are the regular payment of dues and strict obedience. The object is to help the poor better their lives, and ultimately a band of women not unlike the Salvation Army is expected to form into rank. Whether one join for a few hours a week or for as many days, or give her entire time, for so long as she dons her raiment of gray she must do as she is bid and take orders in the spirit with which the soldier receives the command that comes from his superior in rank. The Order of the Gray Ladies is actively at work in London and will shortly be organized here on the same lines as that of the King's Daughters.—New York Journal.

### Don'ts for Mothers.

Don't cover a child's head so that it will inhale the air of its own lungs, no matter how cold its sleeping room.

Don't allow the youngster who is "surprisingly strong upon its feet" to bear its weight long at a time, no matter how anxious the proud parents may be to show it off. Remember the danger of weakened and twisted little legs.

Don't allow smoking in the room where there is a very young or sick baby. The thoughtful father will never smoke in the same room with the children, but even the thoughtless ones should be made to realize its harmfulness in the former case.

Don't fail to keep the children's feet dry and warmly clad in winter and wet weather, for the circulation is feebler at the extremities than elsewhere.

Don't forget that protecting the chest is also important at this season, if we would ward off troublesome colds from the little tot. And their habits of life should be regular—the meals, the hours of rest and the hour of rising should all be timed.

Don't neglect the baby's scalp. It should not be allowed to become scurfy. If it should become very dirty or scaly, apply yolk of egg thoroughly with the fingers, and after leaving it on for a time wash with warm, soapy water, use a fine tooth comb very gently and then brush until thoroughly clean.

Don't forget to air the children's night garments and their bedclothes with great thoroughness every day, and to wash their day clothes in hot water and hang them up to air at night, so that

they will be fresh and sweet in the morning.—Philadelphia Times.

### Shirt Waists.

The first showing in the shops of shirt waists attests that these useful garments are by no means deposed from favor. They are to be worn indeed this spring and summer more than ever, if bewildering variety and much novelty of design and material indicate anything. The newest waists are made with two or three half inch tucks trailing toward the fronts, or a cluster of small overlapping ones to take up the same inch and a half of space down the fronts. Cuffs and collars are usually of straight shirt shape and of plain material, in solid color their range of tint giving an infinite variety. A linen batiste in its natural purity tint, barred in color, is made up with lustrous collars and cuffs of the shade of the crossbar. Black, mauve, pink, blue, green, white, red and the rest of the list are seen. A Persian chintz has collar and cuffs of a gold and white striped material, that gives the effect of braided sewed on.

The fit and finish of the new waists are admirable, and the sleeves are not so large as those worn last summer. Belts are as new and varied as the waists, and bring the changes in white, black, bronze and purple leather, elastic webbing, gold and silver, plain and overlapping patterns. In width any fancy can be indulged in, and they are made in seven styles in which a half inch strap, a plain band of gold or silver, a decided novelty is a five inch girdle of partly leather, fastened by three light leather straps.—New York Times.

### Unique Dr. Mary Walker.

The Boston Transcript says that Dr. Mary Walker visited Amherst College the other day. She walked into one of the recitation rooms while the juniors were reciting. She approached one of the men in the front row and motioned to him to remove the coat and hat that he had pinned to a vacant chair beside him. From this room she went down to the registrar's office and inquired if there were any announce agents she could have, and being supplied with a catalogue, she started to walk up toward the chapel, and on her exit she was confronted with looks and other cameras. Her tall hat, the large umbrella in one hand and a package wound with yards of string in the other, her heavy overcoat with a large cape and a black handkerchief, tied over her ears and under her chin, the long ends flying loose, were well worth taking.

On her way she inquired of a student where the museum was, and directing her to a "pair of steps," which he replied that he was, she received a "call down" that she was mentioned at his saying "pair of steps," instead of a "flight of steps." Dr. Walker pays a visit to Amherst every year, as she says that Walker Hall was named after her relatives.

### A Progressive Club.

The New Century club of Philadelphia has just passed a resolution by which it creates at Bryn Mawr a school, open to the graduates of the Girls' High school. This is a step of great importance, marking the interest which the club takes in the higher education of women and the desire to provide that education for the girls of this city. It further marks the esteem in which Bryn Mawr college is held by those best qualified to appreciate the work it has done among us in establishing a standard of excellence toward which all educators must struggle, if they would receive recognition. Considered in any of these aspects, the action of the New Century club is progressive and public spirited, and the girls who benefit by it must inevitably recognize this and reflect it in their own lives.

### Grace Greenwood.

Narah J. Lippincott, (Grace Greenwood) was one of the first woman newspaper correspondents in the United States. She has written 15 books, besides writing for many of the leading magazines and newspapers. In her long literary career, she has never let an opportunity slip for speaking a word for the emancipation of women. She was at one time vice president of the American Woman Suffrage association, and the movement has at all times had her sympathy. Her poem, "Mistress O'Rafferty on the Woman Question," was read by her at the first national council of women.

### A Dress Reform Charita.

Dress reform has received a special boost in Russia from the action of the emarine, who has agreed to become one of the patrons of the newly organized Society For Rational Costumes. The most elegant dames of St. Petersburg and Moscow have decided that all fashionable feminine costumes are irrational and have joined the cause of reform.

Miss Beaud's Marry of Pasadena, Cal., has studied the French method of making candied flowers and has a market for all she can make at \$2.50 a pound. She herself raises large quantities of violets for the purpose.

Max O'Rell in his lecture on "Her Rightness, Woman," said that the American woman, and the American woman only, could make a man forget her sex and lead him to treat her as an intellectual equal.

Parisians are now wearing the hair prettily waved and coiled up in the middle of the back of the head and ornamented with a satin bow. In front a few loose curls fall over the forehead.

## INDIAN GIRLS AS TEACHERS.

Graduates of Philadelphia Normal School, They Take Positions in the West.

Lucy Gordon and Jane Eyre, the young Indian girls who received diplomas last June with the comparisons with whom they had marched shoulder to shoulder through three years at the Girls' High school, and whose names were entered with their classmates at the Normal school last September, bade goodby to the beautiful school at Thirtieth and Spring Garden streets yesterday to take appointments as teachers in Indian government schools of the far west.

The two girls have very pretty Indian names and interesting histories. Winicuala (Miss Gordon) is tall and lithe, with refined, interesting features and a retiring manner. She is of the Sioux nation and came from South Dakota when about 10 years old and has been living at the Lincoln institution. She received a thorough preparatory course



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at the U. S. Grant school, which was also attended by Miss Eyre. The latter's name in the Indian language is Chitahkah. Miss Eyre is from the Pawnee tribe, in Indian Territory, where she attended a reservation school prior to going to Carlisle in 1888. She was a student of the U. S. Grant school with Miss Gordon, and both entered the High school and completed the course to gether.

Miss Eyre goes to Kansas to become an assistant teacher at the Pottawatomie Agency boarding school. Miss Gordon has been appointed a teacher in the Fort Peck Agency boarding school, Montana. They are the first of their race whom the Normal school sends back to become teachers of their own people. The two girls were very much affected at parting with the teachers, and when they left the school carried with them very sad young faces.—Philadelphia Times.

### Definition of a Good Wife.

Following is the letter that was the New York World's favorite answer to "What constitutes the best and most contented wife?"

The best and most contented wife is one who has marched in life with vigor and energy, every stage of mental and physical usefulness, who from the severely practical standpoint of experience in her own life has learned the value of it, whose contact with the outside world has broadened her sympathy and general knowledge, who has been denied a large and dignified salary, perhaps, to partially satisfy her taste for the beautiful in life, in art or study, is allowed to long for anything but an insatiable longing for the same. To such a woman the care and protection of a husband and the shelter of a home are a heaven. Any womanly woman from the pains of the business world will prove by a lifetime of devotion and helpfulness her appreciation of and her fitness for domestic life if her husband be half worthy.—Mrs. E. Van P. Cummings.

### Miss Mary Lord Drake.

Iowa's "first lady of the land," Miss Mary Lord Drake, bids fair to be a success as the mistress of the gubernatorial mansion. Her father, Governor Francis Marion Drake, is a widower, and this daughter is his only unmarried child. She is cultivated and dignified. Moreover, she has no whims.

"No, I haven't any particular fad. I am not a girl of fads. I like all good things," she said to some one who asked her if she was making a collection of anything, or had any hobby that she would undertake to popularize. She is an extensive reader in nearly all literary lines, especially with current magazines, and she keeps up to the times in the newspapers. Her devotion to her father is so deep that she strives to keep pace with him in everything that he does, and she thoroughly understands and sympathizes with him, taking the place, to a very large extent, of her mother.

### She Gave Him Her Note.

A youth who has worked in an August store long enough to absorb the idea that he is a business man was asked by his sister for a loan of 50 cents a few days ago. He insisted that she should give him a note for it. This she did, and he, in his hurry, pocketed it without reading. When he thought it time for her to pay the debt, he spoke of it. She replied that it wasn't convenient for her to do so. "But I have your note," he said. He pulled it from his pocket, and on reading found out that, for value received, she promised to pay 50 cents "when convenient."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

### Winnale Davis.

Miss Varina Annie Jefferson Davis, better known as Winnie Davis, will, it is reported, make New York her permanent residence and literature her profession. She has displayed considerable ability in essays and fiction and has a very well written story in a current magazine. The ability to write about stories in first class style is exceedingly rare, and if Miss Davis can keep up the success she has already made, she has a bright future for her literary career.

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### RUSSELL AND FRANK.

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### She Attracts Birds.

Among the many peculiarities of that beautiful woman the empress of Austria one of the most romantic features of the present era is her unusual influence over birds, which, as she has more humble rank, might prove a perfect gold mine to her. This power over her birds is described in a paper known to a few only as the "Birds of Austria." Hungary, and other countries, wonderful tales to be told of the birds from every quarter beyond the seas. The very first she saw was a pair of garden larks, of the Schirmer variety, especially at the latter place. There are many ornamental pieces of water at Schirmer, and all sorts of valuable birds, such as Australian swans, Chinese ducks, Tibetan pheasants and birds of paradise, are permitted to roam at will through this splendid domain. They all know the empress and are subject to her power, as are also the wild birds, even down to the ordinary sparrow. They gather around her, each uttering its own peculiar cry, while the pigeons and smaller birds alight on her shoulder and arms.—San Francisco Chronicle.

### German Women Agitating.

A great agitation is, a Berlin correspondent says, being carried on among women in Germany, having for its object the issuing of a general protest against different clauses of the new civil code which has just been submitted to the Reichstag. As regards the civil law, women in Germany have occupied a rather inferior position, and the hopes that the new code would redress their grievances have proved fallacious. A married woman, for instance, has, if no special contract has been made, no right to dispose of her own fortune without the permission of her husband. Moreover, the latter is solely entitled to administer and to have the usufruct of her money, even of that which she earns. Every financial transaction entered upon by a woman without the knowledge and consent of her husband can be canceled. Except in a few cases, women are unable to act as guardians. They are also excluded from family councils and from all public offices. It is doubtful whether it has much chance of being accepted.

### Women Advocating Cleanliness.

The Women's Civic League of Cincinnati has attempted to bring about many reforms in the manners and customs of the Queen City. Last spring the league made an urgent appeal to the board of administrators for said city to be reinstated in the city that the children might play in them. Later the league suggested to the mayor that inspectors be placed along the edge of the sidewalks so that men might exparte in to them. Recently one of the members of the league, while riding on a street car, saw a policeman who was chewing tobacco and, urging the saliva on the floor. This lady reported the incident to the league. The women addressed an appeal to the mayor, and his honor Mayor John M. Caldwell issued an order to the police force, for bidding it to clean up either on street cars or on the sidewalks. The Women's Civic League is becoming a powerful political agency in municipal affairs.—Chicago Chronicle.

### Cigarette Habit Growing.

A man who is a close observer recently told me that he could vouch for the truth of the statement that the cigarette habit is on the increase among women of the supposed to be sensible and well to do class. A large percentage of their patrons call once a week to have the inside points of the thumb and index finger cleaned from nicotine stains. And these foolish maidens no longer puff those dainty Turkish fads of the not so very long ago. The small vice has led to a larger one, and now they prefer the opium tinted oriental cigarette, the consumption of which is surely on the increase.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

### Supplied Her Husband's Pulpit.

Mrs. George B. Frost, pastor of the Congregational church in Littleton, N. H., came to occupy her position in rather an unusual way. Having supplied her husband's pulpit for a year, she was found so well fitted for the work that she was subjected to an examination by the ecclesiastical council, and afterward duly ordained. The arrangement is found most satisfactory, both to congregation and minister.

### The Land of No Divorce.

South Carolina has for a long time held a unique position as the only state in the union which refuses to grant divorces for any cause whatsoever. It is exceedingly interesting to note the fact that the new constitution does not alter the state's policy in this regard. Marriages between the two races are absolutely forbidden. Married women are accorded full rights of property.—Boston Transcript.

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Five-year old Nell was "playing cars" with some of the chairs in the nursery, when a visitor came in and unfortunately selected one of the cars belonging to the imaginary "train" and drew it out of the line.

Nell was disturbed. She surveyed the friend of the family for a moment in silence, and then said:

"Did you know, Miss Reed, this is a train of steam cars?"

"Ah, is it indeed?" inquired the obtuse visitor. "Very well, I should like to take a ride."

This reply seemed not to be wholly satisfactory. The other chairs in the room were comfortable for visitors, Nell knew, but they didn't match her "train." Presently she stood beside the caller again, with her little hands folded before her.

"Miss Reed," she asked hesitatingly, "where did you want to get off?"

"Oh, at New York," said the lady, with a smile.

"Well," said Nell in her sweetest tone, "this is New York where I'm stopping now."

And fortunately that delicate hint was acted upon, much to Nell's satisfaction.

### A Sturdy Newsway.

In front of a well known drug store, close to the bridge, may be seen every night and morning a bit of a newsboy, hardly 9 years old, selling papers. This youngster disposes of his wares every night until 8 o'clock. He goes home at that hour, sleeps until midnight, and then starts down town in time to get the early morning papers. He remains at his stand until 8 in the morning, when he goes to school, studying until 4 in the afternoon. The little fellow seems not to mind his hard lines and labor a bit. To use his own words, "You've got to get used to it." His mother is a widow, and has a new stand in Park row. Her industrious son gives her every cent, whether it is made from selling papers or in running errands. The boy is bright, and he says that as soon as he is old enough he is going to enter one of the big department stores, where he hopes to rise from bundle boy to manager. He doesn't chum much with his fellow newsboys, his reason being that "they are too tough."—New York Tribune.

### Fancy Coddish.

"Mamma would like a package of decorated coddish," said Harold to the grocer's clerk.

The clerk looked puzzled. "Decorated coddish?" he repeated. "Are you sure that is what your mother wants?"

The man thought a minute, and then with a half laugh he said, "Oh, I have it!" and began looking along the shelf. There was an amused expression on his face when he handed the package to Harold.

"Tell your mother," he said, "that if it is not what she wants she can send it back."

Harold repeated the message, adding, "He did not seem to know at first what decorated coddish meant!"

"Oh, Harold," cried mamma, laughing. "I said decorated, not decorated, coddish!"

Harold looked ruefully at the package. "I thought he wanted to laugh about something," he said. "Guess that was it."—Exchange.

### Nature does not capriciously scatter her secrets as golden gifts to lazy pets and luxurious darlings, but impove hark when she presents opportunity and uplifts him whom she would instruct.—Whipple.