

## WOMAN'S WORLD.

THE YOUNG RICHMOND WOMAN AND HER BRAND NEW CENT.

The Combinations of Women—Woman's Hospitality—Girls In Cuba—Woman's Disadvantages—Women Police Matrons.

A Lesson In Politics.

Miss Nellie Parker of Richmond may not be a political boss, but she has a longer and stronger "pull" with President Cleveland than most of the "leaders" of the Democratic party. Miss Parker deserved to have much influence at Washington—or anywhere else, for that matter—for she is one of the distinguished beauties of the south, and that is saying a great deal. The story of the great favor she is held to by the administration is interesting. Some months ago the president visited Atlanta, and Miss Parker took advantage of his presence there to call upon him. He was



MISS NELLIE PARKER.

immensely delighted with the young lady, and gave her, as a souvenir of the occasion, a brand new cent piece. This he told her to guard carefully, and when she wanted entrance to the White House to show this cent piece to the guards, and that she would be admitted readily and without question. Miss Parker treasured her cent piece with great care. Not long ago she was in Washington, and she thought she would try the talismanic effect of Mr. Cleveland's coin present. She did, and, unable to find its glistening red color acted as an open sesame, and Miss Parker was promptly ushered into the presidential presence. Miss Parker is one of the belles of Richmond, and is noted throughout the south for her charm of person. She is the daughter of Dr. W. W. Parker, a well known medical man of Virginia's capital.—Chicago Times Herald.

Combinations of Women.  
We do not know how art we can speak about it much in The North American Review, speaks in the words following:

"It is doubtful if women under any circumstances can combine at all. Certain qualities are necessary for combination, and these qualities are represented in women by their coquetry."

Surely it is folly to try to give a theory of this kind as against the experiences that are everywhere made manifest in life. The combination of women is one of the most remarkable features of the history of the times. Hundreds of thousands of them are enrolled in the Women's Christian Temperance Union and in the Young Women's Christian Association. There are tens of thousands of them organized in woman suffrage societies. There are scientific, artistic, legal, literary, social, musical and reform organizations of women. There are trades unions of women.

An entire column, or more yet, of our paper would be taken up with a list of the definitely constituted combinations of women that exist in this city alone. Possibly there may be over a million members of women's societies in the United States. And yet the writer in The North American Review says that "it is doubtful if women under any circumstances can combine at all." Why, dear sir, you are all wrong, as you ought to know by this time.

The theory of The North American Review's theorist is that women do not possess certain qualities which are needed for combination. Of course it is a man theorist, and a poorly informed one, too, who proclaims this amazing error. He cannot be an investigator. He has failed to get at the phenomena which form the best foundation for solid and enduring theories. Let him pursue knowledge hereafter under the direction of Mrs. Stanton, Miss Anthony and their associates.

We will speak here of yet another thing, and it is that the women's combinations seem to get along better than the men's. We hardly ever hear of a quarrel in any of them; we never hear of an outbreak. Now, then, make a comparison between them and lots of men's combinations, whether there are often wranglings and squabbles, or even sometimes brawls, brawls, warwhoops and other painful manifestations. It would seem, indeed, that the gentle sex are better fitted for combination than their boisterous brethren. They possess qualities which are unlike those of man, qualities, two of which mean people are easily deceived.—New York Sun.

Woman's Hospital.  
The unusual popularity of Mrs. Stetson is due to no small degree to the general concentrated attention to whomsoever she is speaking. Her looks are direct and hospitable. She exchanges glances with the one who addresses her, and the moment that such seems to be the case, she smiles. —  
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absolute avoidance of pretense and affectations. Then, too, although firm, she desires to hurt no one's feelings.

Many a hostess bids two or three goodbyes at once, "stammering" words in all directions, exclaiming, "So glad you've come," etc., and casting flighty glances hither and thither. Of course she has no magnetism. Her words are scarcely convincing, and her hospitable glances are not sufficiently concentrated to be reassuring. This suggests another social pitfall, however. The affected woman, knowing this manner is proper and winning, assumes it.

She cheats a few, but not any one who is worth deceiving. Returning to the fact of the latest discovery of science, there is a spiritual "cathode ray" that beams from the soul of the honest student of life, whose heart is pure and kind, whose brain is keen and alert, whose hand is active and quick, that mirrors the deceptions and follies of pretenders just as clearly as the electric ray does coins in purses. Emerson meant this long ago when in "Stole Aine" he wrote: "Don't say things. What you are stands over you the while and thunders so I cannot hear what you say to the contrary."—Exchange.

### Girls to Cuba.

A Cuban girl's life is very restricted, and she is never allowed to go out alone or receive callers of the other sex except in the presence of her chaperon or some member of her family. If during her childhood she attends a day school, a maid or some family servant takes her there every day, and she cannot go as short a distance as across the street unaccompanied.

In some instances Spanish customs are absurd and incongruous. Every well fitted establishment in Cuba is provided with a concierge, to guard the entrance and admit callers. This man, usually an ignorant peasant, sometimes escorts the young ladies of the family he is serving, and that is considered perfectly proper, whereas it would not be proper for them to go out attended by a gentleman, even if he were old enough to be their father, and an old friend of the family as well.

On late years, however, the frequent intercourse between Cuba and the United States has somewhat modified the customs. For instance, two ladies can now go out alone in Havana in the daytime, which would have been considered an unheard of and almost shocking proceeding a few years ago.

The social pastimes a girl enjoys in Cuba consist of balls, parties, concerts, receptions, the theater and opera and picnics. For Cubans have adopted this American diversion, although in a modified form, to suit the requirements of Cuban etiquette.

### Woman's Disadvantages.

The obstacles in the way of a woman fitting herself for self support were recently illustrated by the case of a young girl who wished to go to college. She and her twin brother had been brought up by an aunt in strained circumstances, and the only way to obtain a college education seemed to be to borrow money. Both had inherited exceptional intellects and both desired to enter professions. It would have taken years to earn the money for a college course, though with the help of the higher education the sum borrowed could in all probability be soon paid. Of the two the girl had the more brilliant mind, yet her brother had no trouble in borrowing the required sum, while to her surprise and chagrin nobody would lend her a cent.

The friends to whom she applied either took the ground that a college education was for a girl in her position as unwarranted a luxury as diamonds or a maid, or they said in effect, "You are too charming a girl not to marry, and you will never need a college degree. It might even delay the happy event, and we could not have that on our conscience."

"But," demurely urged the girl, "suppose I should prepare to marry by carefully preserving my present attractive ignorance, and then suppose I shouldn't be married after all?" She succeeded at last in finding the help she needed, but it took her six months to do what her brother had done in a day.—Exchange.

### Women Police Matrons.

One of the stock arguments against equal suffrage has been that if women vote some women must hold office. But it is becoming more and more evident that the good of the community requires some women to hold office. The Baltimore Sun, the conservative mouthpiece of a highly conservative city, says editorially:

"Major Hooper's suggestion that

there should be a woman on the board of visitors to the almshouse and one on the jail board is excellent and should be carried out. Both institutions would be improved by having a woman among those authorized to scrutinize their management and to look after the moral and physical condition and treatment of the female inmates. Matrons at the police stations were regarded as a doubtful innovation when first suggested, but the wisdom and humanity of the policy were speedily demonstrated. Whether woman's realm properly extends to political affairs is a question still very much in dispute. But there can be no question that it is not bounded by the confines of the household, and that she is not only a valuable but a necessary auxiliary in public work such as that proposed by the mayor. There is not only room, but an imperative demand for her in this field, and the sooner she is generally employed in it the better it will be for civilization and the world."

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absolute parties in 15 yards of the city, saying:

It is the conviction of the Civic club of Philadelphia that the interests of the children in the public schools would be subserved if a larger number of capable women were placed upon the sectional school boards. We therefore petition your honorable body to place such women in nomination upon the regular school ticket, and for your own convenience we append the names of some women of undoubted ability who have kindly consented to serve if chosen by the people."

The names of 27 such women were suggested by the Civic club, but although the movement was warmly supported by the friends of education and by the best patriots of the city, no woman was endorsed by the Democrats in any ward, and only one by the Republicans.—Dr. Clara Marshall on the Eighth ward. This object lesson ought to increase the membership of the Philadelphia Woman Suffrage Association—Philadelphia Correspondent.

### Stand by the National Organizers.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, chairman of the organization committee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, has telegraphed her refusal to go to assist, for two months, in the splendid campaign now being made in California, where her voice is much desired.

She was offered \$600 per month and expenses, was promised full pay and a week's vacation, and was to go, but she relinquished it all to plead at the office of the chairman of the organization committee, performing that important work with its heavy responsibilities. Its penalty of blame and its wearing anxieties. For her service there is no salary.

She does all this because she feels that the strengthening of the association and the extension of its work depend upon just such labor as she is doing.

Our people do not know fully the service rendered and the sacrifices made by Mrs. Catt. Let them consider them, and show their appreciation by coming to her aid in every possible way, especially in the matter of raising funds to carry on her work.—Woman's Journal.

### Droke the Record.

By virtue of the Torreto land transfer system, the vote of the sovereign people of Chicago and an accommodating money lender, Mrs. E. E. Hobbs was enabled to break the record for a rapid transaction in borrowing money. Two weeks ago, through her attorney, she filed her application for a certificate of title under the new system. Thursday afternoon she received her title at 2 o'clock, and a few moments after her attorney returned with a representative of C. T. Reynolds & Son, who had a trust deed on the property recorded as security for an \$8,000 loan.

Under the old system she could not have obtained the money under two weeks, and the cost probably would have been doubled. The transaction is the fastest on record and entitles Mrs. Hobbs to the championship for rapid borrowing on real estate.—Chicago Record.

### But the Women Got In.

The latest university to open its doors to women is the University of Athens. Five women were enrolled for the current term, yet not without violent objection from some of the students. It was with difficulty, according to The Academic Review, that the authorities could restore order. The question divided the students into hostile parties, and two students went from words to blows until finally one shot the other with a revolver at the entrance to the chemical lecture room. The New York Nation says, "Strange conjunction of the barbarism of the east and of the west at a sample of science in Athens!"

### More to the Fly.

Miss Kate Shelly of Moline, Ill., who trudged through a raging blizzard at midnight several years ago, and by signaling to a crowded express train on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad saved it from plunging through a wrecked bridge, recently applied to the Iowa legislature for employment in the state house as a maid. She is destitute and has to support her aged mother and an invalid brother.

### Proper and Helpful.

An effort is being made to have a janitor appointed in Indianapolis. The Eastern Star of that city says: "It is certainly clear to every woman who thinks that the proper and helpful thing is to have a woman within the pale of womanly influence, when she needs the protection or correction of the law."

### Mrs. Anthony on Matrimony.

Susan B. Anthony says that it is all right for a woman to pop the question to a man she loves, whether it is leap year or not. Now that woman has become a breadwinner she is no longer in a position to wait for proposals. She can take care of herself and her husband, too, if necessary.

The supreme court of Ohio, in the case of Bird F. Mills versus the board of elections, decided on Feb. 8 that the state giving women the right to vote at school elections is valid and constitutional.

The house of the custodian of the Mary Washington monument has recently been completed, and a fund of \$3,000 invested as a permanent sum for keeping the monument and grounds in order.

Before long an institute of female physicians is to be opened in St. Petersburg. The privileges given to women who have obtained the degree of doctor of medicine are to be greatly widened.

After an existence of 15 years the Woman's Exchange of Albany has been obliged to suspend business on account of lack of patronage.

A collecting agency in New York is run by women exclusively.

### A REAL NEW WOMAN.

Clever Miss Lillie R. Pardoe of Salt Lake City and Her Clerks.

Mrs. Lillie R. Pardoe of Salt Lake City, who has been recently elected to the secretaryship of the senate of the new state of Utah, was born in September, 1864.

She is a native of Ohio, and was graduated from Bachelder college, where she received the highest honors ever given to a graduate of that institution. Until her marriage four years ago she was professor of Greek and Latin and instructor in the gymnasium of the same college.

Her maiden name was Lillie R. Moore. James D. Pardoe, an attorney of Salt Lake City, is her husband, and they have a daughter 3 years old.

Mrs. Pardoe is a type of the younger generation of gentle women. She was brought into prominence during the

years of 1880-81, when she gave her first lecture on astronomy.

Julia Ward Howe.

Julia Ward Howe is of Huguenot ancestry. She early showed her literary trend, publishing her first volume of poems, which followed somewhat extensively foreign travel, in 1852. She is best known by her "Battle Hymn of Freedom," written in Washington, in the fall of 1861.

In 1867, with her husband, she visited Greece, where they won the gratitude of the Greeks for their aid in the struggle for national independence.

In 1868 she joined the woman suffrage movement, and by pen and voice has been influential in that cause, as well as those of prison reform,

national and international arbitration.

She has served as president of the Association for the Advancement of Women for several years, and her life is still one round of ceaseless activity.

Then the thoughts of the bird, awakened to a sense of his danger, tried in vain to fly. A victim to his greed, he was frozen by the cold, and found a swampy grave.

His brother, the philosopher, roosted that night under the eave of a southern manor house, lamenting in his reveries the fate of his greedy companion.

So from this fable learn the lesson of ever heeding the voice of discretion.—Philadelphia Times.

### A Spanish Boy Editor.

There live in New York a lad of 16 who holds some decided opinions upon the right of Cuba to be a free country. This is an important question just now, and it will probably not be settled for some time to come. The young man previously mentioned has settled the matter to his own satisfaction.

### Mrs. Marie Cornelius.

Mme. Marie Cornelius, a well known painter of flowers and still life, has lately been the recipient of several distinguished prizes.

The French government has bought one of her pictures for one of the national museums, and has awarded her the purple of the Academie Palme. Mme. Cornelius painted the exquisite fan, which was Mme. Adams' offering to the Russian bazaar, lately held in the imperial palace at St. Petersburg, and which was purchased by the empress herself. Mme. Cornelius is an Alsatian by birth, but having left her country when it fell to Germany, power, has now established herself in Paris, at 15 Rue St. Jacques, where in her studio she displays a collection of oil-painted flowers which make her rank as a successful rival to Madeleine Lemoine.

### Betty Green's New Gown.

Betty Green, who has ever been criticized for her "sleepy weather" appearance, has blossomed out into a spick and span new woman. She appeared in court the other day clad in the latest cut of flowing skirt, and otherwise decked in up-to-date attire. The reporters state distinctly that Mrs. Green's new departure in the matter of dress has taken 20 years from her apparent age. This is indeed a change that should be far more grateful to the soul of the ordinary woman than any possible addition of greater wealth to great wealth.—New York Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch.

### Lady Churchill on Skates.

The last we heard of Lady Randolph Churchill, says a New York exchange, she was winning universal admiration because of her fine cycling. Now word reaches this side of the Atlantic that she is the object of keenest admiration when on skates. It appears that her ladyship learned the art of perfect grace on the ice while in Canada, and that she has not since lost so much as one jot.

At the rink in London recently she was seen in company with the champion skater of the world, and even under such circumstances her grace and art won universal plaudits.

### Lady Aberdeen.

Lady Aberdeen is a constant attendant on the sessions of the parliament in Ottawa. She occupies a place beside the speaker in the house of commons. Dressed in purple velvet, she is a familiar figure there. But though greatly interested in the debates, as she must be, "her excellency," as she is styled, while intensely listening, is an unimpassioned and unencouraging listener as can well be imagined. She sits without any change of countenance, no matter what the subject discussed or how fervid the oratory.

### The Kansas Sparrows.

Kansas has a ladies' smoking club called the Sparrows. The clubhouse is elegantly fitted up with the most luxuriant furnishings, and contains everything that could delight the heart of a smoker. The Sparrows is composed exclusively of young women, the number being limited to nine. When one member arrives or leaves the city another lady is selected to fill the vacancy; and it is said they are always several applicants awaiting election.—Boston Globe.

### An Old Newspaper Woman.

Mrs. Frances Power Cobbe, who recently celebrated her seventy-third birthday, was the first woman to do regular office work on the editorial staff of a London daily. When The Echo was first started, Miss Cobbe attended every other day to write leaders and notes, generally on social subjects. She was known as an author long before she was a journalist.

### Entelle's Astronomy.

Our little Entelle was perched when she found that this wonderful world That was round on round.

How 'tis round in its place In orbit true.

Was a muscle to her.

With no answer in view.