

## HEAD OF THE W.C.T.U.

MRS. L. M. N. STEVENS SUCCEEDS MISS FRANCES E. WILLARD.

The New President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union Has Been a Graduate for Twenty-two Years—She is Particularly Fitted for the Work.

Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, who is Miss Frances Willard's successor as president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, is a woman prominent in the work. A sketch of her life in connection with the association is of especial interest just now.

In the summer of 1874, when Miss Frances E. Willard went to Old Orchard, Me., to speak on temperance, and to organize a Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Stevens, of Portland, Me., was there, assisted in the organization of the society, and was chosen as treasurer, which position she held for three years. She was then elected president and has been unanimously elected to that position each succeeding year. For 13 years she was assistant recording secretary of the National W. C. T. U., for one year recording secretary, and at the Cleveland convention in 1894, was, on the nomination of Miss Frances E. Willard, elected vice president at large of the National W. C. T. U.

Besides filling the offices, leading the women of Maine as president of the constantly growing state W. C. T. U., Mrs. Stevens has accomplished a great work in connection with the charitable of her native state, being officially connected with several homes for the dependent classes. She has for years been the Maine representative in the national conference of charities and



correction. She was one of the lady managers of the World's Columbian exposition. For three years she was treasurer of the National Council of Women of the United States, and at present she is secretary of the moral reform department of the council.

Mrs. Stevens, from the time of the crusade, has been one of Miss Willard's staunchest, most loyal and helpful allies, and during Miss Willard's enforced absences from this country, and her frequent withdrawals from public participation in W. C. T. U. affairs, it has been her delight and desire to carry out Miss Willard's wishes as far as possible.

It is eminently fitting that now that the people leader has fallen, her official mantle should rest on the shoulders of so worthy a disciple.

Mrs. Stevens is the woman picked by Miss Willard to succeed her in the presidency in the case of her death while she was in office. Her title is vice-president at large. She was elected to the office four years ago, and the office was created at that time at the suggestion of Miss Willard, who insisted that provision should be made for an emergency like the present mournful one.

Mrs. Stevens is a woman suffragist. She always supported Miss Willard in her campaigns along this line. Her husband is with her in this sentiment. Her home is in Dover, and she has lived there for fifty-four years. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has had her services for about twenty-five years, and the women have learned to know that she means business when she talks. She is a lioness—a strong, sturdy, powerful-minded, determined man might be called a lion.

Miss Willard had intrusted a great deal of the active work for many years to Mrs. Stevens, and she will step into the place with ample practical experience. The union feels that the first mate has been made captain. She knows the ship and the waters thoroughly, and has one daughter who is with her in the work.

**Miss Laughlin's Triumph at Cornell.** The "co-eds" of Cornell have waited long for their triumph. It is no wonder that they looked with rapid admiration upon Miss Abigail H. Laughlin, who vanquished and routed the mere male students who have dared to treat the "co-eds" with disdain, and even with contumely. The young woman not only defeated a "varsity" man in the memorial prize debate, but she has been selected as one of eight out of 2,000 students to make the final test of excellence. She is the only woman who has ever gained this distinction at Cornell. The map do not know what to think about it. The idea of a Sage College student being chosen as one of the eight immortals never entered the head of a male student. They would have thought as seriously about putting a girl on the "varsity" football team or in the crew. Miss Laughlin is a graduate of Wellesley College and a remarkably brilliant young woman. She entered the law department at Cornell and will be graduated this year. She founded the debating society "Agara" at Cornell, and it speedily commanded respect.

**Women Doctors in Russia.** One reason why female physicians are so plentiful in Russia is that the country includes among its inhabitants over 12,000 Mohammedans, who do not allow male physicians to treat women.

## FIVE O'CLOCK TEA BRUSH.

New Contrivances to Make Bessier Housework Tasks of Women.

The array of brushes for household use is constantly being added to by inventors with a quick eye for the exigencies of the moment. Besides the various grades and sizes of crumb brushes, recognized readily by their curving outlines, there is now a new corner known as the 5 o'clock tea brush, and designed for use in brushing the crumbs from highly polished tables over which no cloth is laid. The bristles of this new addition are so soft as not to injure the handsomest table ever set. The handle is ornate enough to make the brush a not inappropriate adjunct of luxurious surroundings. This brush is not a prosaic half moon like its older and tougher associates. It is higher than it is wide and altogether unique among crumb brushes. There is a ring on the handle through which a ribbon may be slipped for further decoration, and the usual implement kept near at hand to be deftly wielded, in between times, by the fair tea-pourer at an afternoon function.

Dusting brushes increase in number, as do dusters made of feathers and of strong hemp. The latest addition to this family is a revolving brush of stout, stiff bristles, made for wiping out the corners and interstices of carved furniture. It is an automatic contrivance. Once fix it in place against the stubborn dust hole in the mahogany, and by rotating the round handle more or less rapidly the work is done and the corner wiped out clean as quick as a wink.

The passementerie brush is a new recruit in the regiment of clothes brushes. It is made with such discrimination that not even the most delicate trimming and heading could be injured. Insertions and overlays of jet and iridescent beads, that would be utterly ruined by a white-brush or ordinary clothesbrush application, look brighter and happier for a dressing down with the passementerie brush, whose bristles are soft enough not to scratch the beads, yet sufficiently stiff to penetrate the little hollows and interstices and get the dust out of them. This passementerie brush is also recommended for brushing silk gowns and curtains and such delicate fabrics as would be ruined by the coarser brushes. A new fringe brush for brushing out the fringe of handsome table cloths, is figured, and also, most important of all, is a contrivance for cleaning these various shapes and banishing dirt when it shall have alighted on them.

**Inexpensive Wedding Gifts.** For a comparatively inexpensive wedding present nothing could possibly be more acceptable to a bride than a number of well-chosen aprons. Aprons are half a dozen strong wire frames. Make dainty silk bags of a suitable size, to cover the aprons; has these well with cotton batting sprinkled liberally with starch powder.

Insert the arms of the form and draw the bags up tightly around the hook; finish with a generous bow of ribbon of the same shade as the silk.

A bride who recently received six of these useful articles, all in ravishing pink, used them in packing her bodices and proclaimed that never before did her gowns emerge from her trunk in so perfect a condition.

A word to the maker: Baste your cotton batting right up with the seam of the bag and stitch altogether.

If you wish to add to this gift another newly devised and suitable bridal offering, make a few pretty trunk tray cloths of linen simply bound, embroidered with a monogram and with ribbons attached, to take the place of inside trunk straps.

Smaller oblongs of the linen made to exactly match the tray cloths are of the greatest service in packing shoes and slippers.

A bride so lucky as to have forms, tray cloths and shoe cases all in the same pretty shade has small excuse if her trunk is not a model of order and prettiness.

**One Woman's Work.**

Here's a schedule of one woman's work for one day prepared by a sympathizer:

Breakfast at 8. After that, the dishes to wash, the chickens to feed, pie to make for dinner, doughnuts to fry, Sam's shirt to iron, some aprons to wash out for the children, Mary's cut finger to do up, lamps to fill and clean (and of all earthly things this is the most abominable!) move to black, hungry tramps and gossiping neighbors to attend to, dinner to get, dishes to wash, beds to make, halls to sweep, sitting-room to dust, sink to scrub, cake to make for the church society, Tommy's "gums" to do for him so that he need not be put back in his class, biscuits to bake for supper—for men always want hot biscuits—dishes to mix for tomorrow's baking, dresses to wash.

**Relieved For an Oliver.**

What to that tells a story of two young women with bright auburn hair, who had just sat down to luncheon at the Berkeley Arms, New York City, when a florid matron with a crimson dress took a seat opposite, and, after glancing at her neighbors and examining the menu, remarked to the waiter that red-headed ducks were not served that day. Then the waiter came around to get the young women's order, whereupon one of them glanced at the florid woman and then at the bill of fare, and said to her sister: "The boiled lobster is not on the bill."

**Gloves With Black Stitching.** "We sell six pairs of gloves with black stitching to one with the white," said the man at the glove counter, "and all the new gloves are coming over with the black stitching."



## WOMEN'S REALM

WHAT TO WEAR AND HOW TO MAKE IT

May Mantle's Hints Regarding Seasonable Fashions.

The full, round waist embodies all the ease and comfort of the blouse, yet is free of all pouch, makes one of the many good things which the season has to offer. The model shown in the illustration is velvet-finished cashmere, with skirt of the same, but is suited alike to foulard and India silks, chailies and all such materials as take soft, graceful folds. The foundation is a fitted lining which includes the usual pieces and seams and closes at the centre-front. The seamless back is drawn down to the waistline, so forming a slight fullness above the band, and is joined to the fronts by



under-arm gores. The full fronts are arranged in gathers at the shoulders and neck and again at the waist line. The edge of the left side is finished with a pointed revere of applique edged with a frill of ribbon, and laps well over onto the right, so concealing the closing of the waist proper, which is accomplished by hooks and eyes. The sleeves are two-sleeved and fit snugly to the shoulders, where they are finished with small puffs, which support the doubly oblong sleeves that are made to match the revere. The neck is finished with a draped high collar of the material, and at the waist is a crushed belt of velvet. Frills of ribbon edge the pointed wrists.

To make this waist for a lady in the medium size will require two and one-fourth yards of forty-four inch material.

**My Lady's Little Slipper.** The evening slipper of black satin, embroidered with cut jet, is the slipper which could not fail to make the dainty foot look slim and dainty.

Silver buckles and jeweled ornaments, gold and silver embroidery, bows and rosettes are all for little feet; simplicity and soberness for anything broader than 3 or longer than 4.

Two general styles prevail for evening and house wear—the single strap slipper and the laced shoe, with upper of heavy silk. Both show the narrow toe, but neither goes to the extreme.

Bronze is a favorite for house wear, but for wear with ball gowns and other elaborate dresses slippers of satin made from a piece of the frock are worn. These are very dainty when the gown is a striped or flowered brocade.

**Child's Bloomer Dress.**

Nothing makes prettier or more attractive frocks for little girls than figured French chailie. The model shown in the illustration is eminently stylish at the same time that it is entirely simple. The foundation for the blouse is a fitted body lining that closes at the centre-back. The yoke portion of the blouse is silk, and is seamed at the shoulders and attached to the lining at the line of perforations shown in the pattern. The blouse portion below is seamed under the



arms only, and pounces over the belt at both front and back. The sleeves are two-sleeved and snug-fitting, but are finished at the shoulders with small puffs which support the divided bretelles. The latter, which are edged with lace, form a becoming trimming, and serve to conceal the joining of yoke and blouse. The skirt is straight and hemmed at the bottom, the flounces at the waist being arranged in gathers and attached to the band. At the neck is a collar of striped ribbon, and at the waist a sash of the same hued as the back.

To make this frock for a child of eight years will require four and a half yards of twenty-seven inch material.

**Something New in Lace.** Something new in lace is a "white-ground" Valenciennes for trimming underwear and warranted to wear out the nainsook it decorates.

## AN ALARMING REPORT

The Drink Habit Said to Be Increasing Among the Women of New York.

It is said that the drink habit is rapidly increasing among the women of New York city. "Straws show which way the wind blows" is an old but true saying, and there's a whole host of straws pointing that way. One has only to watch the women in any fashionable restaurant to see that they get about as much comfort out of the lubricating cup as men are supposed to do. Then many a woman nowadays owns her individual flask of dainty glass and precious metal, and she keeps it full, too, or to be more strictly accurate, she generally keeps it empty. Some women go so far as to wear a flask attached to a chateleine, and such should not find it in their hearts to scold the man who carries his private bottle in his hip pocket. According to a German doctor, women who have contracted a fondness for liquors stronger than afternoon tea can easily cure themselves of the taste. His remedy is eating apples at every meal and between times. He says that apples, if eaten in large quantities, possess properties which entirely eliminate the craving that all confirmed drunkards have for drink. This treatment should appeal to women, for apples, if persistently taken the year round, will make the complexion beautiful, while any concoction with the slightest suspicion of alcohol in it has the opposite effect.

**Sadie Webb, Mail Carrier.**

Talk about feminine independence! Where will you find a more convincing illustration than in Miss Sadie Webb of Porter township, O.? Sadie is the pride of the county, and she comes honestly by her reputation. Barely out of her teens for two years, she has personally discharged her duties as contractor on Uncle Sam's mail route No. 31,277, which takes in five thriving towns. Every day she drives 22 miles, making 192 miles per week, and before her four year term has expired she will have completed 30,244 miles.

It isn't many young girls who would shoulder such a contract and assume such daily responsibilities for such a period of their lives, but Miss Webb heartily enjoys her work and has managed to make a good living out of it. Besides carrying the mails for four counties, she buys all of the goods for four general stores located in the villages along the route that she has to travel. She also carries passengers and is a typical hustler in every way.

**A Woman Explorer.**

A year ago Professor Todd was sent to Japan in charge of an expedition from Amherst College to observe the total eclipse of the sun. Mrs. Todd accompanied the party, full of scientific zeal on her husband's, as well as her own account for she is herself no mean astronomer.

When the Mikado heard that she was anxious to study the lives and habits of the strange aboriginal race that inhabits the almost untraveled island of Yezo he put a yacht at her service which gallantly sailed away to the Okhotsk Sea, landing the intrepid explorer on the shores of the island of Yezo, where it is likely no European had ever been before, and certainly no European woman. The natives are supposed to be fierce, degraded and unapproachable. Mrs. Todd went among them, lived in their houses, saw their daily lives and customs.

**How to Keep Young.**

The ever youthful appearance of the members of the dramatic profession is a constant source of surprise to the public at large. The reason for this is not so much in the material necessarily used in making up, which obliterates to a certain extent the natural wrinkles of the skin, while it lubricates and nourishes it, but it is due to the change in the expression of the various emotions which every part or imperfection of the face. By using them equally they all maintain their firm consistency and strength, and none wastes away from disuse. The result is that the skin is kept stretched and tenses over the face and does not fall into hollows.

**Unlucky Peacock Feathers.**

With the unparalleled craze for plumage in the decoration of gowns, hats and wraps, peacock feathers, hitherto considered a "hoedoo," or, in other words, unlucky, have been adopted as amulets. At a recent sale in London alone, as reported to the New York Audubon Society, 215,000 feathers, numbering 100 feathers to the bundle, of these feathers were sold. For those superstitiously inclined, a "lucky" bird is said to "break the spell." This bird, which is just one of the common kitchen fowls, is seen now in all the jewelry shops with gold and silver, and used either as a charm or locket.

**When Males Are Females.**

"If one of your maids is a little green some day," says the woman who has no trouble in settling the domestic service problem, "don't scold her. Say something that she does wrong, provoke a saucy answer and dismiss her on the spot. Keep away from her if it is possible until she is in a better mood. It may require some self-control on your part, but remember that she is human. You feel cross yourself sometimes, and you are sorry enough for it afterward. Probably she will be."

**New Novel Housed.**

Miss Mary Hall of Valparaiso, Ind., daughter of the packer of the First National Bank of that city, is said to be the first woman director of an institute of fine arts.

## BUSTLE'S REIGN ON.

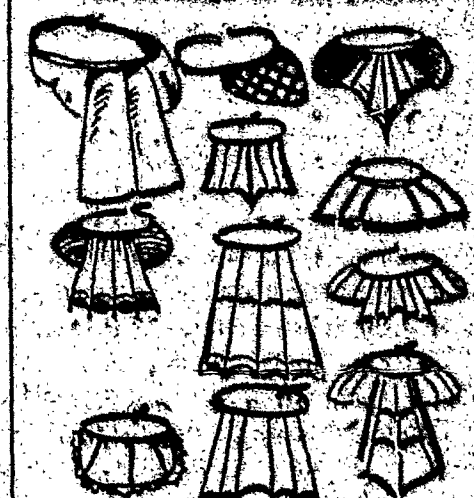
CAME FASHION DECREE THAT THEY MUST BE WORN.

There is no longer any doubt that women are to wear "improvements."—Mrs. Mahon in All Boston and Other Aesop's Fables in All Towns.

The long-discarded bustle is again to reign and to cause the outline of woman to take on strange curves and angles. The bustle is already "among those present" at least so say the inner cult of dressmakers and buyers of the stores where women go to see and learn the styles.

The "bustle department," which was abolished when these form-makers went out of style some years ago, has been re-established in the great retail stores, and the saleswomen who preside over them are kept busy showing their wares and assuring their customers that they will be worn.

Queer shapes and varieties of this woman's adornment are hanging on walnut-wood "trees" like new and strange grafted fruits. There are small modest bustles of curled hair, made in the shape of crescents, which are so unassuming and shy that they shrink behind their haunting likenesses as large as soft pillows.



**VARIOUS STYLES OF BUSTLES.**

Another kind is worn of patterned stripes. This variety is as unyielding as a theological creed and about the size of a football. Women who wear such bustles, like little of womanhood that is gathered, are a popular and lasting fad. Long half-skirts of ruffled haircloth recall the sentimental skirts of medieval monks, though they are not especially designed for ladies' wear, but are recommended by the "pious lending" and comfortable of the bustle family. Then there are quaint picturesque devices of rubber, intended to be pumped full of air like bicycle tires and inflated not to show by any means under the most extraordinary circumstances, and indecently to be let out of the pump when it is found that it is inflated down from over-inflation along with the air life and family diamonds.

When asked if bustles will soon larger and more comfortable as "the new gown" with the "improvements" which they wear, "Of course they will," said the little English woman said as she regarded her work, "improvements" which the bustles are bound to get larger. Didn't big sleeves get bigger and wide skirts get wider until they reached the limit of woman's pocket books and closets? It is with every mode. It grows more and more exaggerated until it reaches its climax, then goes on the bargain table and is no more.

The approach of the bustle this season has been indignant and caustic, first stealing upon womanhood in the form of a tiny pad at the back of her skirts which the dressmaker said she "must have" in order to take her place in the rank of the decently clad who air their elbows on the most fashionable seats.

Once contracted, the bustle habit is hard to shake off and many women who a year ago would have repudiated the bustle in any form are now its victims. Like the taste for intoxicants and narcotics, the dressmakers say the bustle habit is bound to grow as it is indulged, and the woman who is now content with a small bunch will soon demand a goodly shelf at the back of her waist.

**Peacocks.**

Of the making of peacocks there is no end, and unfortunately they are within the reach of all-room Brimley, who, on her "afternoon out," describes her handkerchief from a ten-cent store to my lady, whose costly garments give forth a faintly delicious odor as she leans back in her carriage. Even the best must be used, cautiously, a suggestion of fragrance being preferable to a heavy odor. A single drop of violet perfume put on a handkerchief several hours before it is to be used will be sufficient to please the playmate without disgusting them by its strength. A woman must decide what perfume she wishes to use, and use that and that only to loose waists, bowlers and cachet. Halcyon's stock of powder hat away among articles of sporting apparel, and a day is spent, some select an head-dress of dress so well together, while a conspicuous of articles is an offense to refined society.

**Pretty For the Hair.**

Blue ostrich feathers sprinkled with silver are a pretty decoration for the hair with evening dress. Other novelties are the long, loose bows of velvet ribbon combined with silver. Twists of ribbon and gold chains, the hair are also worn.

**To Peacocks in Children's Wear.**

Peacocks' feathers worn on children's hats by adding a black velvet bow and with small covers covered with white silk and feathers, are also worn. The hair is also worn in the hair.



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