

GROWTH OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

At First Literary in Taste They Now Embrace a Wide Scope.

Every State in the Union now has a federation of women's clubs. The growth of the movement is shown by the fact that ten years ago there were but seven of these federations with a membership not exceeding 15,000 women. To-day the 5,000 clubs in the federation have an aggregate membership of 850,000.

Sorosis claims the leadership in the federation movement. It called a meeting of clubs in 1889 for mutual improvement. The following year there were several State federations formed, and at the first biennial meeting of the body known as the General Federation of Women's Clubs, in Philadelphia, in 1894, five State federations were represented.

The honor of being the oldest women's club in the United States was one time claimed by both the Sorosis of New York and the Woman's Club of Boston. Each of these were founded in 1868. But investigation proved that the club movement came out of the West. The Ladies' Literary Society of Kalamazoo, Mich., was founded in 1852, and the Minerva Club of New Harmony, Ind., in 1859.

Closely following these four pioneers came other clubs. The Ladies' Physiological Institute of Boston has the distinction of being the first and only woman's club that had a man for president, Prof. C. P. Bronson, serving in this capacity and being remembered in due season by his grateful followers in the present of a new suit of clothes.

The first clubs were generally given to the study of literature, but gradually their scope was enlarged, and now the women's clubs are as diversified in their aims and character as are those of the men. They are interested in everything under the sun, and in some of these larger cities, exist in clubhouses that rival the homes of the men's clubs.

Neat House Gown.

The house gown that is made with waist and skirt joined, making one piece, has so many practical advantages that every busy woman is quite sure to welcome it. There is no danger of a disagreeable and annoying



parting at the waist line, there are graceful and becoming lines and there is really ideal comfort. This one is eminently simple the blouse portion being made in shirt waist style, and it has the slightly open throat that is so satisfactory for general wear. All the pretty materials, batistes, dimities and the like are appropriate for dinner wear while heavier washable fabrics, such as madras, percale and the like, can be used for cool weather wear of light weight wool will be found desirable. Indeed, almost anything that is adapted to morning wear can be utilized for this design, which is really available at all seasons of the year.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS.

To clean iron sinks rub them well with cloth wet with kerosene.

Put a little saltpeter in the water you use for your bouquets and the flowers will live for a fortnight.

Kerosene is an excellent cleanser. Add some to the washing water if you want your clothes to be extra white.

Wash articles of brass which are tarnished in the water in which potatoes have been boiled and they will be as bright as if new.

Discolored ivory may be restored to its original whiteness by painting it with spirits of turpentine and putting it out in the sunshine for two or three days.

Use equal parts of kerosene and machine oil to clean the sewing machine. The kerosene eats up the dirt that clogs the machinery and the oil will.

ALCOHOL FROM ARTICHOKE.

New and Valuable Use Found for the Jerusalem Variety.

The price of combustible alcohol in France is nearly double what it is in Germany. In the latter country it is chiefly the best root that furnishes alcohol, while in France it is the Irish potato. The cultivation of the former is one-half that of the latter in commenting on these facts a German writer points out to France that a tubercle of importance much more rustic than the Irish potato, and of great saccharine richness, the "topinambour" or Jerusalem artichoke, can be employed for the making of alcohol. It is easy and inexpensive to cultivate, it is not affected by dryness or dampness, it has no maladies, and it can be harvested when desired.

It is stated that the by-products, if economically utilized, will almost pay the expense of culture leaving the alcohol to bear only the expense of distillation. This alcohol can be substituted for oil in domestic and industrial uses and the writer goes so far as to say that its cheap production will enable it in the future to compete with coal.

If this is true, it should prove a boon to French agriculture, for the Brussels sugar conference several years ago virtually wiped out beet-root culture in France. And, it may be added, the above suggestions may be well utilized in other countries.

Doing Things Well.

Most workers who gain a reputation for doing anything take care that it is not lost sight of. They continually will turn the conversation to a point where they can remark, "Why, on such and such a day of the week I do so and so. You fellows don't know what hard work is."

The world judges a man by what he does best not by the things he can do as well as anybody else. The man who struts his energies to do things remarkably well need not be afraid he will not get his deserts. The world always is on the lookout for the man who can do a little better than the rest of the crowd, and, as a great thinker remarked, even if the man with a reputation built his house in the woods, the world would make a beaten path to his headquarters in the forest.

Electric Train Lighting.

Electric train lighting is more general abroad than in this country because the runs are much shorter and the battery system is therefore practical there, whereas in this country there are some drawbacks connected with its use. Gas has been found more suitable for use on the American continent. The electrical engineers have been giving this matter some attention recently, with the result that the arc system is now being seriously experimented with by one prominent Western railroad company. Storage batteries are carried beneath the cars, and the lamps are so disposed of in the same of the car that they have the appearance of the familiar gas light inasmuch as the lights and mechanism are hidden behind a bowl-shaped of ground glass.

Mental Medicine.

A somewhat eccentric physician who recently died would order patients to take walks, say, daily, on the left side of the street, returning by the other side; another he would order to arise each morning at a certain hour and eat cheese with ginger beer; another to take supper precisely at midnight, and eat only apples, or he would instruct the patient to put just so many grains of salt on the egg he was to eat, and part his hair in a different way each day. His object was to get the mind of the patient on something else than symptoms, and this scheme worked so well in many cases, especially when the patient was suffering with melancholia.

Concrete for Oily Tanks.

Experiments have made to determine the availability of concrete for oil storage tanks and it was found that the material was entirely suited for the purpose. Accordingly a number of them have been built at El Paso, Texas, by one of the railroad companies of that section which is engaged in extensively handling oil from the fields of that State. Up to this time it was generally agreed that the presence of oil had some serious effect on the concrete, but if this is true, it was not shown by the experiments.

Reading into the Telephone.

A young Philadelphia woman of good family but reduced means, who has retained an extensive acquaintance among her aristocratic associates, has hit upon a novel and original means of earning a livelihood by the use of her voice and excellent reading ability. She has combined some of her wealthy friends of advanced years into a reading circle, who listen to her over their telephones for about an hour a day and pay her generously by the week for her entertainment.

Oil From Rabbit Skin.

A new industry has been started in Australia in connection with rabbits. Nearly half a gallon of lubricating oil has been obtained by a rabbit at Gilgandra, New South Wales, from 73 pounds of skins, without lessening the commercial value of the latter.

CANANDAIGUA.

The school collection reached \$60.12.

The Rosary Society will receive communion and hold a meeting next Sunday.

The Custer dinner netted \$207.19. Much credit is due solicitors, donors and workers.

The pew diagram will be distributed next Sunday.

Rev. M. J. Crowley of Monroe, Michigan, will this week present Mrs. Custer, the widow of the general, the pen with which Gov. Warner signed the appropriation for a \$25,000 monument to the general. Mrs. Custer appreciates highly the important work accomplished by Father Crowley in securing the passage of the bill. The monument will be an equestrian statue of the general to be located at Monroe, the home of the Custers.

The anniversary of Mrs. John Dower, Monday of Ella Hennessy, Tuesday, month's mind of Sarah Murray, Saturday.

The choir attended the lawn social at St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, this week.

Mrs. Fred Beuerlein and Miss Lizzie Day, of Mt. Morris, and Miss Bessie O'Carroll of Belleville, Ontario, spent Sunday in town.

AUBURN, N. Y.

The beautiful statue that was presented to St. Mary's church has been placed in the niche above the main entrance, and the appearance of the church is much improved by the addition. The statue is illuminated by twelve electric bulbs which when lighted presents a beautiful sight.

The class of 1907 of St. Mary's school held a meeting during the week.

The funeral of John Waters of Fulton St., took place Monday morning. Requiem mass was said by Rev. E. J. Dwyer.

The funeral of Eugene Reardon of Walnut St., took place from Holy Family church this week.

The parochial schools of the city re-open next week.

St. Alphonsus congregation held a lawn fete during the week for the school fund of the church.

Honeoye, N. Y.

There will be no mass at St. Mary's church next Sunday as Father Garvey goes to Conesus.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stevens attended the wedding of their cousin, Miss Reed, at Livonia on Thursday.

Miss May Wilson has gone to Naples to visit her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. John McGreevy.

The "Celery King" complexion is what one Rochester lady call the beautiful skin that comes from the use of the tonic-laxative, Celery King, 25c at druggists.

The Morocco of Today
Moor and Morocco are words unknown to the people of that troubled land. These people know themselves as Arabs and descendants of those valiant upholders of the prophet of the hebra. The Morocco of the present day they found possessed by a sturdy race who claimed descent from the people who were cast out of Canaan by Joshua, the son of Nun. Their country, so far as its plains were concerned, was taken from them by the Arabs, and their fighting strength was made to serve the Arab cause in the conquest of Spain. They themselves gradually took to the mountains, to the Great Atlas. Here they have remained ever since, speaking their own language, maintaining their own customs and racial attributes, and obstinately refusing to be absorbed by the Arab dwellers of the plains. These people are the Berbers; their tongue is called Shillah.

A Hit on the "Trading Stamp."
The State of Washington has a new law which hits the "trading stamp" hard, though it is to be fought in the courts as unconstitutional. It requires that all establishments giving away trading stamps shall place a cash value on them and stand ready to redeem them at any time.

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WOULD TAX OLD MAIDS

On the Ground That From Sheer Obstinacy They Clog the Wheels of Progress.

If there is a reckless soul that is not only inviting destruction, but is fairly clamoring for it, that soul inhabits the body of the editor of the North American Review.

Not long ago he called the American girl a bore. He still lives, but has not learned caution. His latest is a proposal to tax spinsters. He declares that they get most of the benefits of civilization without making any adequate return.

He admits that their real property is forced to yield a slight contribution. But he thinks that their personal property goes scott free, and he is sure that they do not enrich the customs revenue. So they become, through sheer obstinacy, clogs upon the wheels of progress.

That is all that will save the Colonel from the wrath of the spinster of North America. It is so novel a position for them to be put in; this of doggedly declining the joys of matrimony. But the Colonel insists

"There was never yet a woman, he says, who could not marry, as she should, if she would. It is only necessary to be a woman to win a man—some man."

Spinsterhood is a purely voluntary condition, due to reprehensible conduct, as is clearly proven by the non-existence of a single authentic claim to exemption because of lack of opportunity.

True, there is a sort of chackle behind this last remark, but it may pass.

The real point at issue is whether the old maid of the present day renders a fair equivalent, or even tries to do so, in one way or another, for what she receives, and to that our answer is decisively negative. It is a sad state of affairs, to which we have given much unavailing thought. As a last resort, in search of a method of reformation, the ubiquitous remedy of taxation occurs to our mind as the only one holding forth hope of effectiveness."

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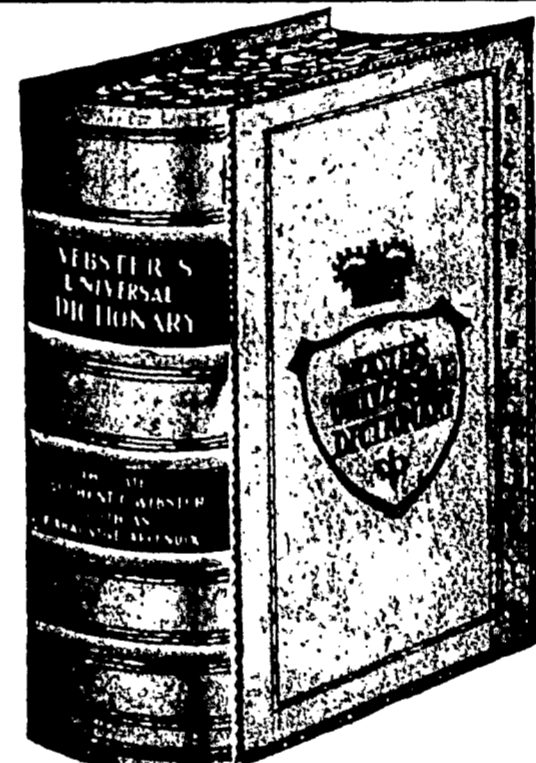
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NIGHT IN THE OCEAN
Animal Life Abundant in Dark Depths of the Sea.

An official attached to the U. S. Fish Commission Albatross, which is annually sent out for the purpose of securing new specimens of deep-sea life, sums up the latest discoveries concerning the ocean.

The deep sea, states this official, is a region of darkness, as well as of low temperature, because the rays of the sun are wholly absorbed by the superficial layers of water. Plant life is absent, but animal life is abundant in those night-haunted depths.

The majority of deep-sea animals live by eating mud and by catching the nimble particles of organic matter that descend from above.

Many of the mud eating animals are of gigantic size compared with their allies in shallower waters, but they are the prey of rapacious enemies armed with peculiar prehensile organs. Some deep sea fishes are blind, while others have enormous eyes.

Phosphorescent light plays an important role in the great deeps. Sometimes the animals are furnished with phosphorescent organs that recall the use of bull's-eye lanterns.

Careless Elevator Operators.

A reckless habit of many elevator car operators is that of neglecting to use their control levers at the end of the runs, depending upon the automatics at the top and bottom. The practice is a growing one, says the Engineering Magazine, and is fraught with danger, especially in the down-runs, and to plunger machines on the up-runs. Operators have been observed frequently to start an express car down and then entirely let go of the control lever. The best automatic cut-off device is subject to possible disarrangement, by the sliding of stops, jumping of rope, or other slight mishap, and operators should be disciplined into the proper use of the control at both end landings.

An Everlasting Fabric.

The Russians manufacture a fabric from the fiber of a filamentous stone from the Siberian mines which is said to be of so durable a nature that it is practically everlasting. The material is soft to the touch and pliable in the extreme and has only to be thrown into a fire when dirty to be made absolutely clean.