

ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN

The average height of the women of France is five feet and one inch.

The medical women of this country have organized to help the Red Cross.

The naturalization of about 43,000 women of voting age will be one of the first results of the suffrage victory in New York.

Although she is past ninety-five years of age, Mrs. Mary Getty of Indiana, Pa., is still acting as knitting instructor for the Indiana chapter of the Red Cross.

Miss Virginia Hylan, daughter of the mayor-elect of New York, has been made president of the Young Women's Democratic League in that city.

STRAY NOTES

The exiled czar of Russia is a great whist player. He formerly used more than 1,200 packs of cards a year at \$7 a pack.

Clarence Willard of St. Louis, now at Camp Funston, received by parcel post a letter from his friends which was 500 feet long.

Howard Quinby of Armore, N. Y., caught several perch in the Kensico reservoir and found in the stomach of one two pearls, for which a New York jeweler offered \$140.

A parliamentary committee has found that the production of all of London's electric power in a few central stations would save 6,000,000 tons of coal a year and greatly lessen the smoke evil.

Judge Charles W. Coleman of Goshen, N. Y., who was twenty-one and who has been in continuous service for forty-six years resigned recently.

Geological survey statistics show that 75,107,872 gross tons of iron ore were mined in the United States last year, the greatest amount on record, an increase of more than 10,000,000 tons from the previous year.

The biggest air-raid dug-out in England has just been opened to the public for use during air raids. It will accommodate 20,000 persons. The dug-out is really an unfinished railway tunnel, 100 feet underground, on which work was discontinued at the beginning of the war. It is electric lighted and seats have been provided for 2,000 persons.

BRIEFLY TOLD

A man of one idea isn't so bad if the idea is good.

Gossip and phonographs repeat everything they hear.

A smile that can be bought for a dime is soon swallowed.

Anyway, the man who loses isn't accused of playing unfairly.

Many a broadcloth man owes it to marriage with a calico woman.

A sure cure for insomnia is to have someone knock at the door and tell you to get up.

Every woman is born with a master mind—or, in other words, with a mind no man can master.

A girl's jealousy tickles a man's vanity during courtship, but after marriage—well, that's different.

A second-hand automobile is sometimes better than a new one. Everything breakable about it may be broken.

The average girl is apt to think that the samples of mankind that come under her observation are not what they are advertised to be.—Chicago News.

HERE AND THERE

A brass band composed entirely of young women is one of the boasts of Ogden, Utah.

The Diesel oil engine, which is working successfully in water craft of almost all tonnage, is to be thoroughly tested on European railroads.

The thermos bottle principle has been applied by a Wisconsin inventor to a lunch pail that keeps food hot in one section and cold in another.

A ball that rolls around inside a new spark plug for automobiles is intended by the inventor of the device to prevent accumulation of carbon.

For removing superfluous hairs an inventor has patented a coiled spring, with rings at the ends as handles, that is said to grip them better than tweezers.

The United States has paid Canary Island growers during 1917 for onion seeds alone \$187,000, the largest amount both in money and crop ever paid between the two places for one kind of seed.

HER AWAKENING

By MARTHA MITCHELL.

After a tiresome trip up the White River, Ralph Sanders pushed the prow of his canoe into the bank and then he saw making a boat in the edge of the Ozark country. After getting a patch of mountain and valley into some semblance of a home, he was stricken and died. Sanders was an unmarried man and the one whom he named as heir to the little place was a woman named Grace Milton.

The months stretched into years during the time that the little place had no tenant, and the place that Ralph Sanders had chosen for a home became a weed-bred, of young pine-sprouts and hemlock, and the long, long low house that he had built was completely hidden from the river.

Menewhite Grace Milton was growing up in the society of her surroundings, far from the little wilderness that was passing from her possession because of unpaid taxes.

Spring had come again and Virginia, one of the boys who had romped over the place, was always to be seen, bright, cheerful, and the young growth, but she did not see the very next month, when she saw the sweet heart with whom she had quarreled.

About this time Grace Milton was seeking refuge for some refuge, some place where the memory of her bitter words would cease to burn like a hot iron in her soul. For she had quarreled with the boy, she loved and all because she refused to have his wife, independent of him, and she found that she could not be independent for the sake of maintaining her so-called "woman's rights."

She had sought forgiveness in such fringe meetings, in society, in churches, church work and travel. But the pain at her heart grew and would not be eased. Then a solitary camping and tramping trip to her Ozark estate which had long been a source of mortification among her friends, suggested it.

After she alighted from the train in the village of Hankle she trembled, in doubt of much questioning of the steward agent, that the Sanders estate was "here, you see them young pine saplings, that's it. About a mile down the river."

Many paths crossed and recrossed among the slender trees, but none of them seemed to lead to her. She was about to despair of ever finding the log cabin, of which she had heard a little and spoken much when she heard a sigh—almost a sob—not far away. Holding her breath and listening, fearing she knew not what she heard a man's voice, deep and rich and all untrained, singing an old ballad. He was evidently using an ax for now she heard the even blows on a log. A girl's form darted down one of the paths and without thinking Grace followed. She halted when she came in view of the young man swinging the ax, for the girl was running toward him now, frankly crying. Grace stepped back among the trees, but still within ear-shot.

The man exclaimed, "Oh, you! There no more was said until the girl's voice broke out: "Jack! Jack! I'm so sorry I ever published a notice that you were going to London by the way of Cape Town and sent through the Panama have you begun planting here? Don't canal. The new route besides being a sort of fairy place and its owner a fairy far away, who didn't want it disturbed?"

"Yes, I know," said the man, "but I just decided that being up the old log cabin and seeing the cleared ground and the wouldn't be disturbing even a fairy's largest combination in the world for peace; and now as I'm doing it for the producing matches."

"Who owns it now?" asked the girl. "I do," came the answer. "It was for tax two months ago and I've put it in for us."

"The girl laughed softly. "How did you know?" "Oh, I just knew you couldn't help knowing how I wanted you, and that you would really rather live with me on a farm instead of in one of those cheap, gaudy cottages in the center. They are not real dear," he said, softly. "Nobody wants a place that isn't a home."

Tears stood in Grace's eyes now. A home! "Nobody wants a place that isn't a home." The words pounded themselves into her brain. This was a home for these two, and hers was far away.

"Good-by, young lovers! Good-by, Ozark estate. I'm going home." (Copyright, 1917, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

Valuable War Dogs. The duties of dogs in war are varied. Some are trained for dispatch bearing; others show a greater aptitude for patrol duty, while others make excellent ambulance dogs. Besides these there are search dogs, watch dogs, post dogs, draft dogs, etc. The dispatch bearers keep two bodies of soldiers in touch with each other. Messages are put in small pouches that are secured carefully to a collar about the dog's neck. Very frequently these animals are compelled to make trips under heavy shell fire. They are dogs of bravery and daring, and there is more than one case on record when they have managed to cover the distance necessary in spite of freshly acquired wounds.

ASIATIC EPICRAMS

It is hard to chase two hares. Stagnant water becomes putrid. We do not cook rice by babbling. A fog cannot be dispelled by a fan. Be the pig white or black it is still a pig. Who masters his tongue saves his head. Live contented and you will be king.

Cheats never starve in an avaricious country. The eyes are of little use if the mind be blind. The stag and the tiger do not stroll together. A pleasant voice brings a snake out of its hole.

The breath of the gnat will not put out the sun. Knowledge is not acquired in a feather bed. A man's conversation is the mirror of his heart. One rushing between two camels is kicked by both.

We heal the wounds of a knife, but not of the tongue. It is not as safe opening the mouth as keeping it shut. To acquire a pound of learning requires ten of common sense.

Condemn no one. Regard him who is above thee as thy father; him who is thy equal as thy brother, and him who is below thee as thy son.—Asia Major.

Isn't it wonderful? That the leaves of next spring are already formed in the brown buds on the trees? That mice, the most hunted of all animals, are still the most numerous of four-footed creatures? That migrating birds, traveling thousands of miles, can find their way back to their old nesting places?

That a storm of a bird like the Kirgiz can survive the coldest weather if it can find plenty of food? That there are living trees in America that probably were nearly 2,000 years old when Christ was born?

THINGS WORTH KNOWING. A California natural history club is conducting a campaign of education intended to save the lives of harmless snakes, which war upon destructive rodents.

Thirteen freight steamers of the Japanese Steamship company hitherto sailing to London by the way of Cape Town are sent through the Panama after his death. This was partly owing to the great difficulty of deciphering his handwriting. Da Vinci was left handed and always wrote in oriental fashion, from right to left. Besides this, his orthography is peculiar to himself. He abbreviates some words and joins others together and employs neither stops nor accents.

Buddhism. Buddhism started with Gautama Buddha about 600 years before the Christian era, and it numbers among its adherents more than a third of the human race. Buddhism is confined mainly to Asia—Manchuria, Mongolia, Korea, Tibet, China, Japan and the large islands off the Asiatic coast. Though born in India, Buddhism is not strong in that country today, being driven out by the old Hinduism of which it is the offshoot.

Use of Eggs. Eggs are considered one of the best remedies for dysentery. Beaten up slightly with or without sugar, they tend to lessen the inflammation of the stomach and intestines and form a transient coating on these organs.

Scrub Them. Carrots and turnips should never be peeled. Scrub them clean with a brush—the strongest flavoring lies just beneath the skin—and boil them in just sufficient water to cover them. This saves fuel and preserves the nourishment.

Works Both Ways. "Beauty is only skin deep." "True, and I presume a homely girl has the consolation of knowing that her ugliness is no deeper."—Detroit Free Press.

Quite Settled. "Have they been married very long?" "I guess so. He never talks back to her, and she appears to be satisfied if he gets home before midnight."

Silver In the Sea. Sea water contains silver in considerable quantities, and it is often found deposited on the copper sheathing of ships.

Words pass away, but actions remain.—Napoleon.

SOME POSTSCRIPTS. The babu nut of Brazil is 60 percent oil and one will burn half an hour if a match be touched to it. Termed a book umbrella, a folding glass box has been invented to permit men to write out of doors when it rains. A company has been formed in Portugal to develop the hydroelectric power of the northern part of that country. About 10,000,000 acres of Astrakhan are covered with shifting sands, which are spreading at a rate of 100,000 acres a year. To tack shades on rollers evenly and without hemming, a machine resembling a hand stapling machine has been invented.

Laundry Work in Alaska. In Alaska and throughout the more or less frozen north latitudes are practically unknown. The miners do their own housekeeping and their own laundering.

A cylinder about thirty inches long and of the same diameter as the head of the churn is first constructed of heavy galvanized iron. One end of this cylinder is left open, and the head of the churn is fastened to the open end. The cylinder is then carefully balanced in the churn, and the churn bearings are fastened on with rivets and solder to make them watertight.

Two meshes of galvanized wire of one-inch mesh are then made. One of them is suspended from the movable head by one quarter inch galvanized iron rods and the other fastened to the cylinder, so that the two are about ten inches apart in the middle of the cylinder. The clothes are confined between the two screens. The water surges back and forth through them until they are clean, or as long as the churn is in motion. A large pulley attached to the bearings furnished the turning power.—Popular Mechanics.

How High Birds Fly. An officer of the French flying corps has taken exceptional opportunities to record observations on the flight of birds and the height at which they fly, especially when migrating. Some of his notes are published in the Pall Mall Gazette column 11. 1917. Swallows he says, seem to prefer an altitude of 2,000 feet, who rear the wild ducks usually fly at 5,000 feet. They are remarkable also for the marvelous accuracy with which they follow their leader. The turns and twists are taken with such simultaneity that a flock appears to turn and wheel automatically so exactly together that they move as one. When landing they fly at about sixty-five miles an hour and are good for seventy once they have got their feet light and have spread out to let themselves go. Once he met some plovers at 4,500 feet, which is the highest altitude that he has seen a company of birds.—Bird Notes and News.

Orchards by the Wayside. Wayside orchards are quite a feature of the roads in many parts of Herefordshire. Damsons are the trees usually planted for this purpose, and along many of the main roads they have been planted in the hedges at intervals of a few yards for considerable distances.

Great masses of snowy bloom in spring and the purple of ripening fruit in the late summer do much to add to the beauty of one of the most beautiful counties in England.

Some enterprising farmers have planted damson trees in every hedge on the farm, and the damson crop is quite a considerable factor in their agricultural returns. Tons of the fruit are gathered in a half ripe state and used for drying purposes.—London Standard.

Da Vinci's Curious Writing. Although Leonardo da Vinci was a voluminous writer, he never published a single line during his lifetime. After the master's death in France his manuscripts were taken back to Italy. His heirs proved unworthy, and the precious writings were gradually dispersed. Loose pages were often detached and were either given away as relics or stolen.

No attempt was made to publish any of his treatises, except that on painting, for more than 300 years after his death. This was partly owing to the great difficulty of deciphering his handwriting. Da Vinci was left handed and always wrote in oriental fashion, from right to left. Besides this, his orthography is peculiar to himself. He abbreviates some words and joins others together and employs neither stops nor accents.

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MUSKRATS ARE FOUND EDIBLE. Little Animals Sold and Eaten in Many Cities as "Marsh Rabbits." According to Correspondents.

Newspaper correspondents advise us, says the Peoria Journal, that last fall they appeared in the Washington, New York and Boston markets many barrels of plump little animals, all dressed and skinned, which were sold as "marsh rabbits."

It appears that for several weeks the good people bought these animals, cooked them according to the special directions and served them at family and party dinners as "rabbits"—not realizing that this food was really something vastly different from that of the ordinary rabbit.

Then came the announcement that the "marsh rabbit" was nothing less than the muskrat.

All of which goes to show that even now the American people are not averse to being fooled. In fact, they like it. Barbaun's statement holds true as it did when he displayed a sand-papier elephant as "the only sacred white elephant in captivity."

We sometimes think that this is becoming a "marsh rabbit age."

Liberty Bell Bonds. Thousands of banners and posters, and nobody knows how many circular letters and newspaper advertisements, have vied with one another in bringing to public attention the excellent reasons why everybody should own Liberty bonds. Here is a reason which has not been mentioned by any of the banners, posters, or advertisements, observes a New York exchange.

"Have you bought your Liberty bond?" asked McCole's friend as the two came through the tube on a crowded subway train.

McCole replied proudly that he had done so—with the bit of money he had been able to scrape together.

"You see," he added, "I figured that was good things to have. For instance, if you got arrested and needed bail you could use them and not lose the interest."

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DOTS AND DASHES

Of course, the rolling stone gathers no fang that is coming to the other fellow.

The bristles of the game hog are longer at this season of the year than any other time.

You never can tell. Sometimes the worst is the best thing that ever happened to a man.

The average man does not like to sell himself to the devil. He would rather rent the devil.

Lots of fellows who go through life with four aces in their hands do not know how to play 'em.

If she is keeping a boarding house it is all right; otherwise do not marry expecting to save expenses.

The man who is conceited in old age has evidently not been very observing while on the journey of life.

It seems a shame that no one has ever been able to determine what kind of breakfast food Methusalem used.

When a man objects to about every move of the government it is useless for him to assert that he is not against it.

The one advantage the poor man has is that he knows his friends like him for what he is and not for what he has.

The average woman admits that she would like just once to ask her husband for something that he could afford.

WITH THE SAGES

Never mind the heart. Most moral infirmity rests above the shoulders.

Meanwhile, the movie men may prepare films of the coming battles, to be "re-released" as soon as the battles are fought.

Some men admire submarines because they raise the "dickens" and get out of sight when trouble comes.

One advantage of "knitting during lull service" is that the fair knitter may be so absorbed with a dropped stitch as not to see the collection basket.

WORDS OF WISE MEN

Economy makes happy homes and sound nations. Instill it deep.

The common secret of want of success in life is a tendency to let things drift.

The food of the home is not meat and bread, but thoughtfulness and unselfishness, for these keep joy alive.

What is wanted in society everywhere is the generous temper which seeks the good in human nature and refuses to think the worst.

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