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GIRLS.

cupied by the ladies.

quite light. In age I judged them a husband. to be near the middle of the twenties. They seemed to take no further notice of me; my white hair, I suppose, was the passport for they talked on as glibly as if in a private parlor.

I could not help hearing what they said, for their voices were clear and musical. All they said would fill a book and there was good sound doctrine mixed in all all over the country without separating the workers from their homes. Pay lib. along. Some of the things are worth repeating and remember-

> ance was only an hour's length, ment. "When I was at Wellessince meeting in the depot. They ley," she said, "I spent my last knew all about each other's State, vacation with a chum in New had travelled over nearly the same York. There I was introduced to ground an different parts of the a man, and really fell in love with world, and had read the the same him, as the story goes, and I love books. The Nebraska girl was a his very image yet. I believe he Blaine Republican, the other an loves me. He was intelligent. Independent. Neither of them handsome, and rich. I found by was a "slouch" in politics. The his own talk that he knew all Nebraska girl was the light haired about me, and that some intimate one, and I could tell when she acquaintance of mine had posted out with her head. I never heard but at the same time it suggested two men discuss polical issues to me to do the same thing. This more intelligently in my life. I was about three months before our

> expression. I would have joined toward the one I loved. Tariff, currency, and railroads resulted excepting clear avasions were discussed. I thought the on the part of two or three writ-Kansas girl was a little too much ers. At last, bottom facts came. for her opponent on tariff, when My expected husband was a mod the East.

would propose to the Statue of ter is true every word of it.'

then put on the serieus and re-letters with equal coelness. Do I been all of Jas, Doris' regrets that He was rather gar-ulous but úi-

er.' We then can continue to be friends with no disappointments A Story of Pinek and Inde. on either side.

who filled the bill, years ago, without a dollar, I would have It was in the early morning of a married him and trusted to four fear of his marrying some one the same as before. dusty summer day that I entered willing hands and two loving a Pullman carr a Chicago, bound eearts for success; but now, of for New York, by limited train, course I shall marry, if at all, There were but three passengers in man about my own age, and he the car when I entered, one man must have laid by at least as much and two young ladies. My section as I have, or I will not marry him. was the one next back of that oc- I never could love or respect a drone or a spendtbrift, and if he I noticed that they eved me has not brid by anything at twensharply as I donned my duster ty-five or thirty he never will. I and smoking cap. They were both can support myself, and my sayfine appearing, and had a look in- ings invested are worth four thousdicating intelligence. One had and dollars, but I never will supdark brown hair, and the other port a man for the sake of having

"Yes, I met one man that I did not show the locket fo. I could have reciprocated his love, but circumstances seperated us, and we have not met for years. I suppose he had a friend, or has found one since, dearer to him than a sister. I still have a desire to meet him again. I had rather look for a diamond all the days of my life and never find it than to load up with common dirt the first day of my search

The story of the dark haired I soon learned that one was from girl was more pathetic. She had Kansas and the other from Ne- had an offer, had been engaged braska, and that their acquaint- and was really now under engagewas talking, for she motioned it him. That I did not care about learned many things I never knew set widding day. I went to my before, especially about the West. old pastor, told him my story, and These ladies were both on their asked him to assist me. He cheerway to Chatauque, for the purpose fully volunteered to take my case of spending a month in camp and Years before he had lived in New were to stop at Jamestown. No York, had many acquaintances other passengers entered our car there, and could get at the bottill toward night, so no reason was tom of matters. Afterward I felt afforded for suspending freedom of almost guilty, for it implied doubt

them in conversation but I was My paster wrote several letters too much interested in their talk. and received several, but nothing she asked what benefit the tariff erate drinker and addicted to ocwas to the West, that we should casional drunken sprees. He pay the East two prices for every- never had come into my presence thing we buy of them. The only with the least taint of either lianswer made was that it keeps our quor or tobacco on his breath. I money at home if it is all kept in was then only a little over a week to our wedding day, and the invi-Their conversation soon turned tations were out. I decided to lay upon the subject of marriage, the letter before him, and act af-No," said the Nebraska girl, with terward. So I telegraphed him a toss of her light hair, "I never to come the day before. He came had a genuine offer of marriage in and I laid the letter before him. my life, and have my opinion of He read and re-read, blushed, bit girls who boast of having had a his lips, his hand trembled, the dozen offers. They either fib or paper shook so that it rattled. It they are heartless filirts. Men of was more than five minutes- it sense do not propose unless there seemed an age -before he raised is reason for believing that they his eyes. What do you plead? will be accepted. A fool only said I. 'Guilty,' said he; the let-

Liberty from the Brooklyn Bridge. " 'Then,' said I, 'our engagement I like to see girls who encourage is broken. I never can marry a the attention of men for a while a man who tipples. I know the until marriage is proposed, and fearful danger and sad consequen. then send them adrift-I say I like quences. My father was a drunkto see such girls paid off in their ard. 'Is there no way of bridgwn coin. They are the worst ing over this chasm?' sail he, as enes to whine and snivel then, but for the first time he lacked me they get no sympathy from me. | squarely in the face. 'None what-"How do I work it to let them ever, now," I answered, 'but come know I am not in market? Well, nye years from to-day. My hand I have a method of my own. I shall be free, and if you can then have one of father's picture in a say that not a drop of intoxicating lo ket taken when he was twenty- liquor has passed your lips during fall into his hands; he is sure to peldge for the future, we can be open it and ask who it is, or sug-married.' "He returned to New gest it is my brother or, if not. I York on the next train. He writes

else. Do I believe he will keep The eldest daughter, Mary, or didn't like Abe one bit. His apue to tell me the truth."

About this time a dozen or more of passengers entered the car, and the drama ended. Who either of these girls were, or their names even. I have no knowledge of, but from their talk I judged them to be teachers.-THE VOICE.

Women Blacksmith.

A woman blacksmith is an anomaly that probably does not exist, even in this age of woman's achievment. The nearest thing to it, however, says the N. Y. WORLD, can be found in the shape of four pretty, buxom girls, daughters of Jas. Doris, a practical horsesheer, now deceased. Nearly all of their lives these girls have Lived in a comfortable little frame house at No. 632 West Fortyeighth Street, in the rear of his father's blacksmith shop.

While they do not actually shoe orses themselves, they know enough about business to do so. At er's death they have carried on his business successfully, and have made a comfortable living out of it. Eheir mother, who came nearer to being a veritable woman blacksmith than do her buxom daughters, died a vear ago. Even since they have conducted the business alone.

Twenty-two years ago Jas. Doris brought his wife to the little frame house on Forty-eighth St. which there always seemed to be a new one, he built his shop in the front garden of the little house. Jas. Doris and his wife were an ideal married couple, even if their love making was done amid such humble surroundings as a blacksmith shop. And it usually happened that his wife was in the shop with him. As for the children, they practically grew up in the shop with him. As for the children, they practically grew up in the shop. It was their play-ground as children, when they had delighted to watch father make the sparks fly." But Jas. Doris had one disaprointment. All his boy babies died in infancy-And like many men of greater wealth, he regretted having no son to take up his businoss.

Mrs. Doris was her husband's 'right hand man," as he used to fondly express it. He did the work while she kept the books, did the savings and managed generally. In fact when James was ill or away she carried on the business quite as well as he did.

his widow with four daughters. the business went on just the same. JOURNAL." Jas. Doris' jovial face was missing,

s; if it does not resemble him? I me occasionally, and I answer his pened which proved how fucile had ly happened.

mark, 'He is dearer than a broth- love him yet ! Yes, I love him as all his hoped-for sons had been verting, and always returned to I do my eyes, but not well enough girls. Just as naturally as a duck theme that he loved so well to to become a drunkard's wife. Do takes to water did those four girls speak sbout. As to his first ac-I believe he will come back ! Yes, take hold of their father's busi- quaintance with Lincoln, he said "No, it is not money that I am if he loves me as I love him, and ness. Never for a moment did "In 1712 my father settled near looking for. Had I met a man, if he don't love me I don't want they think of disregarding their the Linchorn (Lincoln) place. In him to come. You don't catch mother's wishes, that the business a tew days Abe and his mother me marrying a man just through should go on after her death just came over to see me and my moth-

> his life or honor. He will contin- so much during her illness that was sullen like, and had little to tne pretty blacksmith.

brick.

Moilie is a precty young woman of 25. She has big blue eyes, fair hair and a round plump figure. She was also appointed executrix of her mother's estate. About a vear ago she married Thos. Bambrick a policeman. Shortly after her mother's death relatives advised her to give up the shop and move further up town in a more stylish neighborhood. The reason The reason they gave was that the girls would get better husbands.

Her very sensible answer was: 'My sisters are good girls and they all events, ever since their fath- don't need to live in a stylish we had to 'coon' it across on a log neighborhood to get husbands. after them if they lived in a band- limb and fished him out. box. The others can stay away.

The three unmarried girls are friends, Katie, Maggie and Sadie.

Katie is next to Mollie. She is thing correct." a pleasant-faced girl about 23. Her Mre there no other of Lin roln's accomplishments are by no means early school-mates now living!" confined to grossly useful. And No; none but me now. There while she can superintend the shoe- was 'one living over here near ing of horse, beat up the lightest E'town some years ago, but he is biscuit, or iron a shirt-bosom un- dead as far as I can find out." til it rivals the product of John piano and speak German.

Maggie comes next to Katie She is a decidedly good looking girl of 21. She sings in a clear mezzosoprano voice, is a dress-maker for the family, and that is saying a good deal foa the Doris girls are the arbiters of fashion for that part of the town.

Sadie is the youngest, and the prettiest and her sisters say affectionately, "the least useful in the lot." She is 18 years of age, is very light of foot in a dance. There is always a rivalry among her numerat a party.

Lincoln's Boyhood Chum.

Austin Gollaher, a playmate of Abraham Lincoln, is 88 years old. He lives near the top of Mul. though suffering from great age So it happened that when James and the rheumatism, is still cheerdied, about five years ago, leaving ful and ready to talk with any vis-

Austin Gollaher, in spite of his but a capable man had taken his unique claim to remembrance by place at the forge. Gradually the the world at large, has been little customers many of whom had been heard of. When Ficolay and Hay patronizing Jas. Doris for a dozen published their life of Lincoln in years or more, became occustomed the CENTURY MAGAZINE they reto the idea of a woman blacksmith. ferred very briefly to his existence They soon forgot the uniqueness and published his portrait. Golof seeing a woman at the forge lager was then, as now, living with And instead of patronizing Mrs. his'son, Thomas Gollagher. When Doris because she was Jas. Doris' he was a playmate of the martyrwidow, as they had done at first, ed President he lived on a little they patronized her because she farm three miles south of Hodgenwas a good blacksmith. Although ville. They moved there when he she rarely shod their horses her- was only 6 years old, their farm self she was always around to see adjoiding the Lincoln homestead. that satisfactory work was done. Being older than Lincoln, he can Several years after her hus- easily recall some circumstances hand's death Mrs. Doris Lecame of their boyhood days, though his four. I work it so as to let that time, and will give me your ill. From that time until the date conversation is rather barren of of her death she was unable to details, and it is probable that he mighty coils in full view of the look after the shops. A year ago has confused things that he has decendants of the God created beshe died. Then something hap- heard of with things that has real- ings .- St. Louis Republic.

er. At first sight I must say I his pledge! Yes, as sacredly as "Mollie," had relieved her mother pearance was not taking, and I naturelly the principal responsi- do with him. In a few days more bility fell on her. Without doubt, me and my mother goes over to many a horse has been shod in see them. Then I was thrown with Jas. Doris' shop because its owner him a good deal, and begun to like hoped for a few minutes' chat with him first-rate. Abe was three years younger than me, but we be-About 3 o'clock one morning came fast friends after that. We several weeks ago a fire broke out played in the woods together. in the shop. The shop was burn. fished and hunted together, and ed to the ground. The splendid when school took up in the little new one, which is in process of cabin over on South Fork Creek building on the old site, is of we went there. Then pext year we went to another school house further on the other side of the creek. Abe was a great learner He ciphered on everything around and read everything he could find to read. The fence corners were full of big iron weeds, and he'd gather them by great piles to throw on the fire at night to make, big blaze so he could see to study."

> "I have heard that you saved mis life once. How was that ?"

"Oh, yes!" and his face brightened. "It was when we was a fishing one day the creek was up and Abs slipped and feel off, and I be-The right kind of men would go ing the biggest got a sycamore

The histories all say that Abe was 7 years old when he left for Katherine, Margaret and Sarah, Indiany, but he must have been but they are nick-named by their 11. They weren't there, and they can't be expected to get every

Mr. Gollaher is a very devout Chinaman, she can also play the Christain. There is a little Baptist Church on the Louisville and Nashville Pike, near the top of Muldraugh's Hill, where he holds his membership. It is a small frame building, unpainted and unceiled. He is sometimes distresses him that they cannot finish it. He is an upright and pious man, but can not endure the sanctification craze that is strong in his community.

The Man in the Moon,

According to Pratorius, the man

in the moon is the Patriarch Isanc. ous beaus to secure hor as a partner carrying a bundle of sticks which were to be lighted to sacrifice his own body on the mountain top. Dante beleives him to be Cain. carrying a bundle of thorns. the meanest offering his land afforded, as a present to God. In Icadrugh's Hill, a few meles north of land the people claim that they the town of Hodgenville, and can see the face of Adam in the moon and that of Eve in the sun. Among the Frieburgers there is a superstition which say that the itor, says the Louisville "Courtes marks and spots on the moon's face are the outlines of the traitor Judas Iscariot, holding his hand over his face while speezing just prior to hanging himself. This last beleif accords with the old Frankish legend, which says that there was no spots on Luna's bright face until after the crufixion of Christ. Still another story tells us that in the time of creat tion God threw and offending angel against the face of the moon. while another is to the effect that the moon witnessed the creation of Adam and Eve and took an impress of their features on his surface, intending to people his own land with similar beings. When he essaved to imitate God's works. he made nothing but a slimy serpent, which since that day has continued to fold and unfold its

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