

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

WHEN TO BEGIN POETRY.
A young girl nearly old enough to be called a young woman, on hearing her little sister say that she did not like poetry, persuaded the child to listen to a reading of Scott's "Lady of the Lake," and found that the little girl, who was about eleven years old, enjoyed it as much as a fairy tale.—From "Books and Reading," in St. Nicholas.

RUNNING UPSTAIRS.
English women have taken up as a pastime running up and down stairs—the object being principally to see who can get up the most rapidly and make the most noise! In view of the fact that running upstairs has hitherto been considered as bad for the heart, it is rather a revolution to society, although, no doubt, the violent exercise is good for the liver.
The question is, What next? Will sliding down the banisters be advocated as a new method of utilizing the parallel bars?—Philadelphia Ledger.

WORK FOR THE INVALID.
An invalid who is an exceedingly neat worker has lately found herself a most remunerative form of employment in the making of dainty neckwear.
Fashion papers showing what is being worn provide her with new ideas, and she has absolutely no difficulty in disposing of her work at double the cost of materials, as any one who knows what these little dainty eccentrics cost will readily believe, says Home Chat.

For those with taste and ability there is in this direction quite a nice little opportunity for adding to an income.

ONE WOMAN'S PHILOSOPHY.
"Domesticity is all very well in its way, but it shouldn't be carried to excess," said the philosophic woman. "Virtues can easily become vices, and the domestic virtues should be practised with moderation. I know a woman who makes all her own jams and preserves at home and eats them on her home-baked bread. She hems her sheets, her table linen and her towels. She embroiders her name thereon. She makes her own and her children's frocks. She trims her hat—would that she did not! She looks under carpets and behind pictures for traces of dust, and regards any helpful cleaners as insidious devices of the evil one to undermine her virtue. Her husband is known at the club and she isn't known as a 'phantom of delight.' Too much domesticity is fatal to feminine charms, and if a woman is wise she will conceal her domestic virtues like a vice until after some one has led her to the altar. Men rarely choose good cooks and expert needlewomen to ornament the domestic hearth. Most of them prefer the more comely and foolish virgins."

A WOMAN'S GREAT CAREER.
Miss Ellen Terry, who has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of her first appearance on the stage, has had a most interesting theatrical record. In 1856, at the age of eight years, she appeared as Mamillius in "A Winter's Tale" at the Princess Theatre, London. She first acted with Irving in 1867, when she appeared as Katherine in "The Taming of the Shrew." In 1875 she appeared as Portia in "The Merchant of Venice," and in 1878 she made her first appearance as Ophelia in "Hamlet." Some of the other parts that she has repeatedly played while with Irving are Desdemona, Lady Macbeth, Olivia, Beatrice, Marguerite, Imogene, Viola, Julia, Queen Katherine, Cordelia, Lucy Ashton, Nance Oldfield and Madame Sans-Gene.

Two years ago she played in the "Merry Wives of Windsor" with Beerboom Trevo, and last year she created the principal part in Barrle's "Alice-Sit-by-the-Fire," a role taken by Ethel Barrymore in this country.
A charming incident in connection with her jubilee celebration is a gift from the Queen of England of a beautiful diamond and ruby pendant, accompanied by a personal note of appreciation and congratulation.

CRANKY CHILDREN.
To minister to a mind diseased is beyond the skill and subtlety of a large percentage of parents. So long as their children's bodies are big and well developed, their appetites good, and "nothing ails them" physically, eccentric behavior, fits of peculiarity, a fondness for doing extraordinary things, and looking at life from a topsy-turvy standpoint, are regarded as faults they will grow out of.
But, unfortunately, these are habits which people are more prone to go into.
Cranky children, and odd girls, should lead the simple outdoor life. Their companions should be specially selected—healthy, sane, possessing everyday average human qualities.
Mental sanity, like physical health, is infective. And the cheerful, level-headed association of happy, commonplace companions, possessing no fads, fancies or eccentricities, is the very first step to take in the case of young folk who tend to be queer and odd at times.
Manual work, such as gardening, carpentry, woodcarving, knitting and dressmaking, are all valuable correctives of morbid mental tendencies.

But none of these things should be done in solitude.
Bright and constant companionship is essential to young persons inclined to be "cranky." They must never be allowed to indulge in the hermit-like solitude their mental condition usually leads them to crave.
A great genius is sometimes born of solitary aloofness. But the chances are much more in favor of a crank being developed from lonely broodings and morbid musings.—New York Journal.

A REMARKABLE WOMAN.
Mrs. Bellamy Storer, who is intimately concerned in the controversy between her husband and the President, has always—or nearly always—lived in the turbulent atmosphere of art. When she was Mrs. George Ward Nichols, some twenty-five years ago, her husband was the first figure in the musical circle of Cincinnati, and it was so very musical that the troubles of life were multiplied to those who had to go there with artists and impresarios. Mr. Nichols, as was perfectly proper, had to take his troubles with his delights, and Mrs. Nichols had grievous reason to know how desolating, and even revolutionary, those troubles may be. But she, not content with the role of consolatrix, achieved troubles of her own by founding the Rookwood pottery, and everyone who knows pottery is aware that she has made, with the help of the artists and administrators who gathered about her, a producer of works of art of which the country may well be proud. This very able woman, as might have been expected, took part in the movement to secure a cardinal's hat for her favorite archbishop in her adopted church; and although she may have mistaken the extent and significance of her authority, every one who knows Mrs. Storer will believe that she tried to advance her ideals. She has now discovered that when one seeks the highest in music or in painting or in diplomacy, sad and bitter hours will be encountered before success is attained, if, indeed, success be ever attained.—Harper's Weekly.

WHAT BEAUTY IS.
From Frances Hodgson Burnett's "The Shuttle," in the Century, the following remarkable excerpt is made: To Bertha Vanderpool had been given to an extraordinary extent that extraordinary thing which is called beauty—which is a thing entirely set apart from mere good looks or prettiness. This thing is extraordinary because, if statistics were taken, the result would probably be the discovery that not three human beings in a million really possess it. That it should be bestowed at all—since it is so rare—seems as unfair a thing as appears to the mere mortal mind the bestowal of unbounded wealth, for it quite as inevitably places the life of its owner upon an abnormal plane. There are millions of pretty women and billions of personable men, but the man or woman of entire physical beauty may cross one's pathway only once in a lifetime—or not at all. In the latter case, it is natural to doubt the absolute truth of the rumors that the thing exists. The abnormal creature seems a mere freak of nature, and may chance to be an angel, criminal, total insipidity, virago or enchanter, but let such a one enter a room or appear in the street, and heads must turn, eyes light and follow, souls yearn or envy, or sing under the discouragement of comparison. With the complete harmony and perfect balance of the singular thing it would be folly for the rest of the world to compete. A human being who had lived in poverty for half a lifetime might, if suddenly endowed with limitless fortune, retain, to a certain extent, balance of mind; but the same creature, having lived the same number of years a wholly unlovely thing, suddenly awakening to the possession of entire physical beauty, might find the strain upon pure sanity greater, and the balance less easy to preserve. The relief from the conscious or unconscious tension bred by the sense of imperfection, the calm surfeit of the fearlessness of meeting in any eye a look not lighted by pleasure, would be less normal than no wish need remain unfulfilled, no fancy ungratified.
Even at sixteen Betty was a long-limbed young nymph whose small head, set high on a fine, slim column of throat, might well have been crowned with the garland of some goddess of health and the joy of life. She was light and swift, and being a creature of long lines and tender curves, there was pleasure in merely seeing her move. The cut of her spirited lip and delicate nostril made for a profile at which one turned to look more than once despite oneself. Her hair was soft and black, and repeated its color in the extravagant lashes of her childhood, which made mysterious the changeful, dense blue of her eyes. They were eyes with laughter in them and pride, and a suggestion of many deep things yet unstirred. She was unusually tall, and her body had the suppleness of a young bamboo. The deep corners of her red mouth curled generously, and the chin, melting into the fine line of the throat, was at once strong and soft and lovely. She was a creature of harmony, warm richness of color and brilliantly alluring life.

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