

WORK FOR WOMEN.

The number of women pursuing gainful occupations has largely increased during the past thirteen years. In 1870, the census reported 1,836,288 women wage-receivers; in 1880 the number had risen to 2,647,157, and this increase has gone on steadily, so that now there are probably not less than 3,000,000 women in the United States who earn their own living.

This movement in New Orleans is worthy of especial mention, because the so-called "Southern idea" of women as creatures of elegant leisure prevailed there a short time ago. In other cities—Chicago, for instance—a larger number of women than in the Crescent City are employed in remunerative work.

The problem of women's work is solving itself. It is no longer necessary for every woman who wishes to earn her living to take to sewing or school-teaching. Nor, on the other hand, need she be co-educated, and study for the law or the medical profession.

B. F. Butler tells of his last meeting with ex-President Jefferson Davis prior to the outbreak of hostilities. We give it in the shape of a newspaper clipping from Butler's speech to the Sixth Regiment at Boston, last Thursday. He says:

"The Democrats failed to unite at Baltimore, but I will not trench on politics to say more than such was the fact, but I may say that a committee of fifteen from the Breckinridge wing was chosen to meet about Christmas at Washington, to take measures for future organization, I was one of that committee, and when I went to Washington I found the delegates from South Carolina bringing the ordinances of secession. I conversed with them and conversed with others of that committee, and I found that they had no intention of doing anything but to found an empire, the corner-stone of which was to be slavery, and to get the roof from the United States. I told them that bloody, terrible war would be the result; but it was only fair to those gentlemen to say right here that they did not believe there would be any contest, and they honestly did not think so, because they were of the opinion that the North would not fight. My answer to them was, 'The North will fight, and don't you make any mistake about that.'"

"The North will fight?" "The North will fight?" His blood got up about that time. I replied, 'I'll fight for my own side.' The answer was, 'There will be plenty of men to take care of you.' I said, 'I have argued and voted for Union for twenty years, and God helping me, I will fight a year or two if necessary for the same thing.' After I had concluded to return home I called upon Jefferson Davis, then Senator for Mississippi. I had previously travelled with him when he was on a visit to New England, and I believed him then to be a firm Union man. I sent a note to the Senate Chamber, saying I should like to see him, and I have the note in my possession now, which contained his reply, in which he says: 'Call and take tea with me this evening. I shall be glad to see you.' I went, and I said to him: 'Cannot you stem this torrent? cannot you stop this terrible catastrophe which is breaking on us? What course are you going to take?' He stayed to think for a time, and then answered: 'I shall go with my side.' He continued and said: 'You are a Democrat; what course will you take?' I replied: 'I shall go with my side'—and I did—and my side will go with me."

There was no anger, but more of sorrow between us, and, while the tears stood in his eyes, Mr. Davis said: "Is it possible that next time we meet we shall meet as enemies?" I sobbed in my reply: "That depends on you."

J. W. Gery, Esq., Statesville, N. C., says: "I can recommend Brown's Iron Bitters. I have used it with gratifying results."

The Washington Gas Company is commanding now a great deal of attention at the hands of the newspaper press. It is a monopoly and has been a monopoly for years, and threatens to cling like a leech just so long as such rogues as Keifer can be found to protect them. They have held together by virtue of the peculiar ideas of civil service reform held by so many of the "party of progress," such, for instance, as that protection is due the monopoly inasmuch as the monopoly furnishes individual members of Congress with gas free gratis. Between 1864 and 1881 forty bills have been introduced to create other gas companies, but they have all been fought down by these Congressmen who were bought up by the Washington Gas Company. Last January charges were brought against this monopoly and Mr. Murch, of Maine, offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate the charges. This committee consisted of Mr. Crowley of New York, Mr. Aldrich of Illinois, Mr. Bisbee, Mr. Martin of Delaware, and Mr. Cox, of North Carolina. Gen. Cox it is said was the only one of the five members who believed in making a thorough and honest investigation of Mr. Klotz's charges.

From beginning to end the investigation was one sided. It was proved, however, that the company had employed a professional lobbyist, with a fee of \$5,000, to defeat a bill proposing to charter an opposition gas company, and that they had in many ways sought to influence legislation. Mr. Klotz has recently published a speech which he would have delivered in the House of Representatives had he not been gagged by the arbitrary action of Speaker Keifer. Mr. Klotz says:

The report of the select committee was finished on the 16th of February, but was withheld by the Chairman (Mr. Crowley) until Sunday morning March 4, when it was presented to the House, together with the minority report, at half past 3 o'clock in the morning. From the time of the presentation of the report up to within fifteen minutes of the close of the Forty-seventh Congress I endeavored with persistence to be heard on this subject, as I certainly had a right to be heard. To my utter surprise, some members of the committee, who knew all the facts of the case, objected.

I next endeavored to obtain permission to print the subjoined remarks in the Congressional Record, and went personally three several times to the Speaker to that privilege. Two other gentlemen, distinguished members of the House, also besought the privilege for me, but that functionary refused to give his consent.

Three times I asked permission of the House to print my statement, and in each instance Messrs. Hazleton, Pettibone, and Bisbee objected. Immediately after the adjournment of Congress, the ex-Speaker, Mr. Keifer, sought out one of the clerks and notified him to "remember that Mr. Klotz had no right to print in the Record any speech in reference to the gas company."

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SHORTS.

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Monarchist, the noted stallion owned by D. Swigert, of Fayette co., Ga., is dead. He was valued at \$15,000. The Lowell Citizen speaks of what every body has noticed and bicycler riders know, that while the profile of a bicycle rider is well enough a front or rear view is unusually ridiculous.

The Chicago Times suggests that the President might perpetuate the memory of his Florida fishing excursion by adorning the new two-cent postage stamp with the picture of that ten-pound bass.

On the Portrush railway to the Giant's Causeway, in Ireland, a tramcar driven by electricity ran ten miles an hour steadily, and but that the speed is limited by act of parliament could easily do twenty-five miles an hour. Six tons were taken "up an incline of one in thirty-five."

It is said that one whole regiment of Illinois troops will participate in the May drill at Nashville. One of the features of the drill is to be a sham battle, in which there will be over 2,000 troops on each side. They will be commanded by both ex-Federal and ex-Confederate officers. A church is soon to be erected in New York city for colored people of the Catholic faith. There is at present no colored Catholic church in New York. The first contribution to the new church was \$5,000, left by the late Father Farrell, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, New York city, who died in 1880.

Time, the destroyer of most things, gives to violins an almost indefinite value and importance. The Joan Carlinio violin is three hundred and twenty years old, and in an almost perfect state of preservation. Two thousand dollars is a common price for a Stradivarius. On one occasion 1,500 acres of land were given for a Stainer violin, and as portions of the city of Pittsburgh are now built upon the land it may well be said to have been the largest price ever paid for a violin.

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Many a warm lover of nature after marriage finds that he is wedded to art. —Boston Transcript. Some people are like a well-used rocking-chair; they are always on the go, but never get ahead. —Boston Transcript. Said Brown in a fit of spleen: "Charley is the biggest fool in the world." "Mighty generous in you to say so," was Fogg's quiet remark. —Boston Transcript. A Mexican who had killed eight men was killed the other day in Monterey while trying to get away with the ninth. Some men want the earth. —The Drummer. This is the season when the saloon-keeper scatters a pound of sawdust and a few old cigar stubs in his back yard and calls it a beer park. —Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald. The dirtiest man that you will encounter is the one that leaves a box of soap at your house for a few days. "Is it real good?" asked a lady of one of these soap vendors; and then looking at him she added, reflectively, "But, of course, you wouldn't know anything about it." —Cincinnati Saturday Night.

PERSONAL.

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