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Earth-hampered souls to Heaven? Is that thy gift? If that is what thy God hath given thee Oh use it, dear one, use it faithfully ! Sing for the poor and old-for those

Has naught of music in its toil and For little children whose adoring eyes Shall follow thine from earth to Para

For sick and weak ones on their bed of Thy simple song shall seem an angel's Is it thy gift to write? Then trim thy

And carefully and prayerfully indite The highest, holiest thoughts till busy Are glad that 'tis thy gracious gift to

And glad that in the world's great rushing throng Thy silent pen moves gloriously along. Write then, On, friend, write for the good and true; Speed thy swift pen-there's work for thee to do!

Is it thy gift to simply keep the home Thine just to live in quiet atmosphere And daily toil with hands that all alone Must keep the hearthstone bright and full of cheer?

Is it thy gift to hold a little hand And lead it through childhood's happy What is the gift? Search well thy heart

That one thing thou canst do the best And do it-do it! Joy shall then be And Heaven's happiness on thee shall

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- God sees heroes where men see only the commonest kind of people.-Ram's Horn.

- We may be able to get rid of God's man, but never of God's truth,-Ram's Horn. - Every dollar some men get incresses their chance of missing heaven.

-Ram's Horn. - I knew a minister who lived in the way of provisions by faith and his wife by keeping boarders .- Dr, Hen-

- It is ever my thought that the most God-fearing man should be the most blithe man .- Thomas Carlyle. - We may imitate a painter by duplicating one of his characteristic pictures. We can imitate Christ only by

duplicating his spiritual life.- Greensboro Christian Advocate. - Prayer is so mighty an instrument that no one has thoroughly mastered all its keys. They sweep along the infinite scale of man's wants and of God's goodness .- Hugh Miller.

- Christ as one man filled up the multitude of 5,000 men with bread; -now it takes the enslavement of 5,000 white men to fill up with money the pockets of one monopolist .- Rev. B. B.

- We must pray that the Spirit of Faith may lay hold of human hearts, both in the church and out of it, and make the spiritual as vivid and real to them as the material, the heavenly as the earthly, the eternal as the

- The children of Belginm have a charming Christmas legend about Santa Claus's Ponv. They always place their wooden sabots on the windowledge, stuffed full of oats, hay, and fodder for the "dear Christmas pony." In the early morning they run on tiptoe to look; and behold! the hay is all gone. and the shoes are brimming over with toys and sweetmeats! Then the children clap their hands with glee, and wish they could only have waked in time to see the pony munching his oats. That would have been such fun! -L. F. Mosby,

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DESTROYS BEAUTY. BIR JAMES CRICHTON BROWNE ON

WOMAN'S INTELLECTUAL WORK. The Startling Warning of a Great English Physician Against the Higher Education of Our Girls-"What Will the Next Generation of Women Be Like?"

Sir James Crichton Browne, one of the most famous of English physicians, has made a fierce protest against the higher education of women. He urges many easons against it, but the one with which he chiefly seeks to arrest public opinion before it is too late is that this education will destroy the physical beauty of woman. His reasoning is so earnest, so serious and so scientific that it must force us to consider whether we are not doing wrong in permitting women to enter into a severe and continuous course of study. Every educational institution for women is concerned in this matter, from the public schools of New York to the best of women's colleges. In both cases girls and

women are forced to enter into educational competition with boys and men.

We should remember how much is at stake. The beauty of woman in our clumsy civilization is the one relief to the weary eye in a world of ugliness and sordidness. This man of science tells us that we have inaugurated a system which will

Shall we exchange the beauty of woman for a racial inheritance of nervous degen-

Would it not be a sorry translation? Should we not make an effort to preserve those graces of form which have inspired the art of the world and alone keep us from utter absorption in the struggle for gain? These are the questions which the physician asks.

The process by which a man's education inflicted on a woman reduces her to ugliness he declares to be a very simple and natural one. It consists chiefly in the disorganization of her nervous system. The results are loss of graceful outlines, loss of appetite, lines in the face, bad teeth, bad omplexion, short sight and possibly hysteria, epilepsy and insanity. There is a growing tendency around us, says Sir James, to ignore intellectual dis-

finctions between the sexes. The bodily differences between men and women are universal and intimate and involve every organ and tissue. They extend from the skin to the marrow of the bones, from the crown of the head-for, according to Broca, the female cranium is less elevated than that of the male-to the sols of the foot, for, according to Delaunay, woman has a plantar arch flatter than that of man, which perhaps accounts for her partiality for high heeled boots.

But his chief purpose is to call attention to the sexual differences in one bodily organ-the brain. It is a matter of common observation that women have smaller heads than men, and it is a matter of scientific observation that, in all peoples and races without exception, the absolute weight of the entire brain is, on the average, greater in men than in women. The advecates of woman's rights have argued that the deficiency in her brain weight when compared with that of men is to be accounted for by her fewer inches, but he quotes figures to prove that there is a great excess of brain weight in favor of the stature. The average excess of weight in the male brain over the female, between the ages of 20 and 30 years, is 6.01 ounces. The smaller size of the female brain is a fundamental sexual distinction. It is not to be accounted for by the hypothesis that environment, educational advantages and habits of life, acting through a long series of generations, have stimulated the growth of the cerebrum in one sex more than in the other. This is made clear by the fact that the same differences in brain weight between men and women have been found in savage races. There are also grounds for believing that there is a difference in the balance of parts in the male and female brains respectively. It is in the sympathetic accord of the

differentiated sexes that human progress can alone be hoped for: . He is a half part of a blessed man, Left to be divided by such a she,

And she a fair divided excellence, Whose fullness of perfection lies in him. And blindness to this complementary relation of the sexes, so patent to Shakes-peare, is what leads wise men—wise, but ignorant or contemptuous of biology-to sanction intersexual competition in educa-

tion and for subsistence with its ruinous "Those tall, graceful girls," says Sir James in a final outburst, "whom we see around us so plentifully today—and never in the world's history has woman's beauty been so beautiful as in England todaythose tall, graceful, lovely girls are the offspring of mothers who had not the ad-

vantages of a high school education, "What will the next generation of English women be like? I saw a vision once that has haunted me ever since. It was of a score of sweet girl graduates from celebrated college, standing together in a group on the platform of a provincial railread station waiting for trains to carry them home at the end of the term. Sweet they were, I doubt not; most of them carried musical instruments, but they were not, upon the whole-well, not just 'the

fairest of the fair' to look upon. "I am afraid I shall be called ribald and profane, but I should describe them as pantaloonlike girls, for many of them had a stooping gait and withered appearance, shrunk shanks and spectacles on pose. Let us conserve the beauty of our English girls very jealously. I would rather that they remain ignorant of logarithms than lose one jot of it."-New York Journal.

The Sleek Hair.

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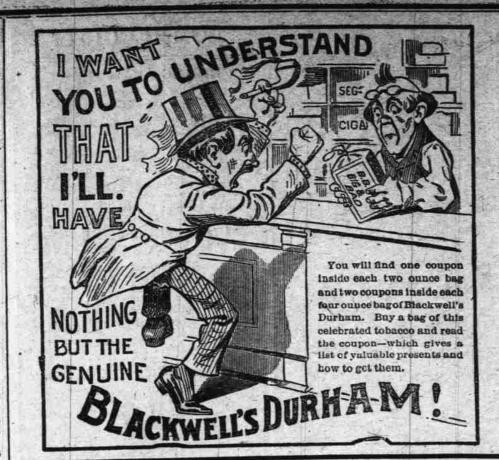
How She Manages. A woman with a small family which is always supplied with delicious food manages in this way when buying beefsteak for two: Instead of a thin cut she buys a heavy steak with a tenderloin in it, the entire steak weighing from 8 to 31/2 pounds. The tenderloin is broiled and used for one day's dinner. It is occasionally enriched by a mushroom or some other sauce. The ends that are tough, the bones and the rest of the trimmings are used for soup. The back of the steak is broiled, made into hamburg steaks or cooked in some other way.—New York Post.

Inside the Teakettle. If every housekeeper who reads this paragraph should go straight to her kitchen, lift the kettle and carry it to the window, where a strong light will dislose its interior, nine out of ten of them will find a rusty layer of lime, iron and dregs that effectually prevents any good flavored water from issuing from it. The kettle needs the same frequent and thorough care that any kitchen utensil needs. Into such, having it already warm, put fresh filtered water, boil rapidly and use at once and one of the large aids to palatable food is secured .-

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ing flowers. To Eliab Brown it resembles a picture of the dazzling scenery of the "Arabian Nights." "That is what you call an opera mati-

The curtain had just descended on the second act of 'Somnambula.''

From the proscenium boxes the great

auditorium looked like a garden of mov-

TWO LOST YEARS.

nee, eh?" said the old man at length, leaning back and taking off his glasses.
"Well, I do wish your Aunt Sary was here to see it! Not that the music suits me.

It's all kind o' mixed up."

Katy Sumner laughed at her uncle's ideas of musical excellence, but she put her little gloved hand caressingly on the A group of young men stood lounging in the lobby, languid and effeminate looking.
"Haven't seen Wyndham here today,"
drawled one. "Doesn't he usually patronize this sort of thing?"

"There's his sister yonder," returned "Nice girl, but rather old maidish. By the way, doesn't Kate Sumner look charming this afternoon. Wonder what old antediluvian she's got with her?"
"I never guess," said the first speaker.
"It's too much trouble. Hello! Here's Richard Wyndham, a tall, haughty look-ing man, took a leisurely survey of the

"I merely came as an escort for my sister. Excuse me, I must join her."

As Richard Wyndham walked slowly down Broadway, with his sister hanging on his arm, he was unwontedly silent.
"Dick, what is the matter with you?" asked Miss Wyndham impatiently. asked you three times what you think of this new singer!"

"Forgive me," said the young man. "I confess to a little absentmindedness today. How should you like to visit Switzerland this spring?" "If you are determined, certainly. But I had hoped you would have seen some face with enough magnetism to chain you to a happy fireside of your own." "Perhaps I may have been fascinated-

bewitched," he began, but at that moment Mr. Sumner's carriage rolled by. Katy's hand lay caressingly on the win-dow, with a diamond bracelet blazing on her wrist. Her sweet face, just tinged by a fleeting blush, looked out, with a smile of recognition. Richard bowed, as the high stepping grays whirled parahim, and, with a face

somewhat paler, finished his remark, "But I have had courage to resist the snare." The last apple blossoms lay in rosy drifts on the velvet grass of country orchardsthe bright American sky was bluer and sunnier than the heavens of all the southern climes that lie in soft, eternal sun-At least so Wyndham thought as he stepped once more on shore from the deck of the steamer which had brought him

across the Atlantic. A homesick wanderer, alone now, for Emily lay under the turf of a little churchyard where the violets of France bloomed. He shrank from recognition and was seriously annoyed when an old acquaintance caught him by both hands. "Back again, eh? Come, you shall dine with me tonight, and we'll talk over old

No refusal would satisfy Alric, and Wyndham was forced to comply. "Plenty of changes," said the former as they sat together over their dessert. "But that's generally the bill of fare when a man returns from a two years' absence. Let me see. Jennings is dead, Soames' wife has eloped, Maynard is married, old Summer failed and died afterward. You remember his pretty daughter, don't you?

"Sumner failed? What has become of the family?" "Don't know, I'm sure. You know howat is in a city like this-when a man goes under the tide closes over his head. Clairville has made a fortune in the wine

But Wyndham heard nothing further. Not until that moment did he realize how often Kate Sumner's eyes had mingled in the phantasies of waking vision and midnight dream! It came to him like heart-A warm July evening he drew bridle in front of a puzzling tangle of crossroads, where the Connecticut hills were traversed

by a merry little stream. . "Upon my word," he mused, "I scarcely know which way to turn. I can't very well take all four roads at once. So go ahead, The sun trembled above the line of far off hills and there was yet no sign of hu-

with roof covered by patches of green moss, nestling in a hollow. Wyndham paused a moment, then rode up to the dooryard. He strode courageously round to the back door, where a little garden stretched itself down the slope of the hill. There a slender figure in a brown dress was stooping, gathering fruit. He advanced with an apologetic cough.

man presence, save a solitary farmhouse,

"I beg your pardon, but could I inquire"-"Mr. Wyndham!"

"Miss Sumner!" Of course there were explanations and all that sort of thing, and a long time they took, too, considering there were no very elaborate disclosures to be made. Will you, Kate, dearest?" was his last question as they turned toward the house. "You must ask Uncle Eliab; he is my only guardian now, and I keep house for him since Aunt Kate died," answered

"Well," said Uncle Eliab, with his hand on Katy's brown hair, "so you've made up your mind to live in New York again. Well, I never was there but once, and I don't know as I want to go again." "And you supposed me to be a frivolous butterfly, basking in the sunshine of prosperity," said Katy a little later;

a false idea and one which has cost me two years of unhappiness. It is a pity that we can only learn from experience in this world!"-New York Press. Punctuality Personified.

much obliged, sir!" "No dearest," re-

turned the young man earnestly, "it was

Some two months ago a boy who asked for employment in a local manufactory was told to come again when he reached 11 years of age, as he was at the time under the proper age. Last Tuesday morning the manager found him coming into the works about 7:20 and said to him: "Oh, so you're coming to make a start,

"Yes, sir," answered the youngster. "Well, but look here, sonny," remarked the man, "why didn't you come at o'clock? That's the time we begin here. "Yes, I know that, sir," replied the lad on the nail. "But you told me not to come again till I was full up 11, and I wasn't 11 till 10 minutes past 7!"—Strand Magazine.

"Perfect Lemonade." Perfect lemenade is made as follows, says The Health Magazine: For a quart, take the juice of 3 lemons, using the rind of one of them. Carefully peel the rind very thin, getting just the yellow outside. Cut this into pieces and put with the juice and powdered sugar, of which use 2 ounces to the quart in a jug or jar with a cover. When the water is just at the boiling point, pour it over the lemon and sugar, cover at once and let get cold. Try this way once and see if it is not delicious.

Romance of a Song. The familiar song, "I'll Hang My Harp on a Willow Tree," has attached to it a bit of royal romance. It was written by a young nobleman, who became enamored of Queen Victoria a year or so before she ascended the British throne, which event destroyed his hopes of winning her hand. The words first appeared in an English magazine set to music by Wellington Guernsey.

Had Suffered From It. "A great many people are too quick to act on an assumption," observed a philos-"Yes," replied the theatrical manager, on an assumption that they know how

to act."-Washington Star. Soda should never be dissolved in hot water, because if it is some of the gases would then be liberated and wasted, and a greater amount of sods would be needed to make good this waste than if the sods were dissolved in cold water.

"As dead as a herring" is an expression arising from the fact that herring die very quickly after being taken out of the water. ---- WOMAN AND HOME.

THE BAMBOO STAND AND OTHER FEA-TURES OF 5 O'CLOCK TEA.

Is Woman a Matrimonial Slave?—A Beautiful Foot-The Girl Who Weds Wealth. The Wheel For Mothers-To Posch an Egg Perfectly-Mosaic Glass Windows.

The primary object of the tea table is to provide the equipment for tea, not to become the central object of the room. The light and dainty ones are held to be in best form, and bamboo, in that it comes from the land of tea, is eminently proper. In England, where the daily afternoon tea s much more of a function than with us, light tables are brought into the room There is no service kept in the drawing room. Here, however, convenience makes the rule and these small tables are found

The bamboo stand has the merit of being easily lifted from place to place and can be set by the hostess' side when in demand. Delicate cups and saucers in blue or gold are harmonious in their effect, as are any of the fine oriental wares. A charming example is presided over by young matron wise in such things. Her



THE BAMBOO TEA STAND. cozy is of blue Japanese silk, embroidered with couchings of gold. Being a stickler for what is correct she goes so far as to serve Japanese tea, but she makes it after the rule of a Hindoo expert. Not even silver or gold is allowed to pollute the beverage. Even such fine metal impairs fine tea. In place of the usual ball she has a fine muslin bag fitted with a ring that just slips over the top of the pot. The rule is one teaspoonful to five cups unless it be spoiled with cream. In that case one to three is a better proportion. The tea is put into the bag. The pot is filled with freshly boiled water. The bag is slipped in and both cover and cozy are called into use. Five minutes by the watch and out the bag comes. The tea-clear, delicate. delicious-is ready to drink. No mortal who partakes has aught of which to complain. No evil effects remain. In the Hindoo's own words it is tea, not soupfor the latter is what he declares most of American make to be.-New York Commercial Advertiser.

Is Woman a Matrimonial Slave? There has been a friendly contest in one of the English papers between Sir Walter Besant and "A Correspondent" on the subject of woman's marriage versus her spondent says: "Marriage, as known to the sober minded woman who has done her duty in the married state on any income below £2,000 a year, is one unvaried round of duties—cleaning, cooking, mend-ing—day by day. The eternal stone we roll up hill painfully from morn till eve we find each morning where we found it the morning before." Later on, says Sir Walter, she acknowledges that a woman may marry with a chance of happiness on three conditions, of which one is enough for me. That one is that she loves the

This kind of talk about marriage is to me amazing. I have lived a good long time in the world. I have made acquaintances by the hundred; friends-not so many. Looking back upon all the people that I have known, I can safely say that the number of unhappy marriages I have personally witnessed has been very small indeed. By far the larger number of the wives have accepted cheerfully the position of housekeeper and matron. They have kept house for the husbands and children, whose happiness is their own. Many of them have kept house with the earnest intention of making a house beautiful, which became a continual feast for themselves; many of them have brought art into every part of the daily life, which has been a continual feast for themselves as well as the other members of the house. For all these matrons the daily work has been a daily delight.

Then as for drudgery and monotony, is

there none in a man's work? Think of the monotony and drudgery of a city clergyman's life when every day he has to tramp around the ungrateful slums. Think of the monotony and drudgery of the doctor going his daily rounds. Think of the monotony and drudgery of the solicitor always drawing up endless documents in the hideous legal jargon. No. The monotony of life, I am quite sure, is pretty evenly ladled out to workingman or wedded wife. What I have said over and over again and do most stoutly maintain is the very simple copy book maxim that without love marriage must be intolerable; but, given love as an essential, then the woman who yields to the promptings of her heart and accepts the burdens—light or heavy-of marriage leads the happiest life. In this matter, as in all others, my humble philosophy soars no higher than the school primer written for the sixth

standard on the "Conduct of Life." A Beautiful Foot. A truly beautiful foot must first be free of all blemishes, and in perfect proportion to the leg and stature. The instep should be high, or moderately high, and the portion under the instep hollow and well raised above the level of the sole; the toes regular and well developed, the heel narrow and nonprojecting. The general out-line of the perfect foot is long, slender and graceful. The toes of the beautiful foot, according to Flaxman, should follow each other imperceptibly in a graceful curve from the first to the fifth, and in the Greek foot, according to the most famous statues, the second toe was made longer

than the great toe. The beauty of the longer second toe is disputed. The high French heel is accountable not only for the distortion of the first joint of the great toe, but for innumerable feminine internal complaints, besides which it is utterly impossible for any woman alive to walk or dance gracefully in high French heels. It is said that a fashionable

It Didn't Hit Him. "I saw an article in your paper the other day," said the tramp as he reached the editorial floor-"an article about the verbos tramp. I want an explanation. How did this tramp look?" "It was some reporter who wrote the article."

"Hardly." "Was he languid?" "Not that either." "Does verbose mean that he had lost his appetite?" 'Run down in flesh?"

"No. Verbose is verbose. It's a sort of

"Well, does verbose mean that he was a

bustler?"

"Not a bit."

"Am I verbose?" "Is it anything against the purfeshun?" "Won't discourage women from passing out cold victuals and old clothes?"

demeanor and look hard to describe."

"Then I'm satisfied. I didn't know but it was some new thing-something to work against us-and I wanted to know. Couldn't many of the boys be verbose if they wanted to, could they?" "No."

"Then it won't spread?" "Oh, no." —
"All right—that's all. I've dodged most everything for 22 years past and am glad I don't have to worry over this. No verbosity here, thank you. May be all right, but unction has carried me safely through thus far. '-Detroit Free Press.

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