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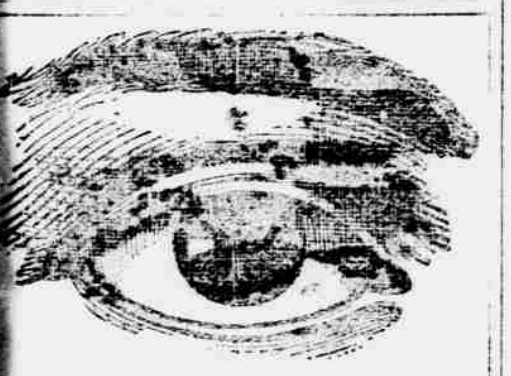
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NOT ALWAYS IN A MAJORITY

Superfluous Women "Conspicuous by Their Absence" in Many Cities of England.

According to the estimates of the census statisticians the superfluous women for whom the delegates to the national conference of women workers at Southsea tried to plan a happy future numbered 1,244,558 at the middle of the present year.

The problem of the superfluous woman by no means troubles every town. In Devonport, for instance, there are 581 women for every 1,000 men, in Harrow-in-Purness 528, and in Rhondda only 325, while the feminine element is in a minority in other important centers of industry—the city of London, Southwark, Woodwich, Poplar, Stepney, West Bromwich, St. Helen's, etc.

The superfluous woman makes her home in pleasanter places—in health resorts on the south coast, in Bath, the city of fashion, and in the royal borough of Kensington, where there are 1,557 women to every 1,000 men. In Bourneouth the disparity between the sexes is even greater, the women numbering 1,700 to each 1,000 men.—London Daily Mail.

Free from Sin.
Among the many excuses for drinking one of the most convincing is that noted by Lord John Russell in the journal kept by his youthful travels in Spain. When visiting Plasencia he met a convivial catholic who expressed his astonishment that a soldier of the aristocracy noted throughout Europe for their drinking prowess should prove so moderate in his potations.

Lord John reported that he had no desire to reach the six bottle standard set by some of his peers. His bonum companion proceeded to rebuke him for his departure from some tradition and concluded by remarking that "even on religious grounds you are wrong. For he who drinks well sleeps well. He who sleeps well sins not. And he who sins not shall be saved."

Within the Car.
"Fare!"
The passenger gave no heed.
"Fare, please."
Still was the passenger oblivious.
"By the eleventh term 'fare!'" said the conductor. "I imply no reference to the state of the weather, the complexion of the admirable blonde you observe in the contiguous seat, nor even to the quality of service vouchsafed by this philanthropic corporation. I merely allude, in a manner perhaps lacking in delicacy, but not in conscientiousness, to the monetary obligation set up by your presence in this car, and suggest that without contemplating your eulogy with exultation you hasten!"
At this point the passenger emerged from his trance.—Tit-Bits.

Starting a Rubber Plant.
Rubber plants are usually started by a method known as mossing. A cut is made in a young branch and a wedge put in it to keep the surfaces apart. A bunch of sphagnum moss is then fastened around the stem over the cut, the moss being kept wet. As soon as the young roots appear on the outside of the moss the young branch is cut off and potted up.
Ficus elastica, the rubber plant of our houses, must produce seed in its home, tropical Asia, but it does not attain a size sufficient under cultivation in greenhouses to do so often.—St. Nicholas.

Ah, There, Munchausen!
Returned Explorer—Yes, the cold was so intense at the pole we had to be very careful not to get our dogs.
Miss Youngthing—Indeed! Why was that?
Returned Explorer—You see, their tails were frozen stiff, and if they wagged then they would break off.
Mrs. McCall—How about your servant girl? The last time I saw you you complained about her being so very slow.
Mrs. Hiram Offen—Oh, she's progressing.
Mrs. McCall—Indeed?
Mrs. Hiram Offen—Yes; she's getting slower and slower.

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Boers That Are Banned Against Those Who Smoke Them.

1. Athletic Clubs—"Cigarettes are prohibited to all athletes in training for our competition games" (Numerous Schools and Colleges.) "No boy can be a fine athlete, football, baseball, or basketball player, runner, jumper, or gymnast who weakens his heart and poisons his blood by cigarette smoking."

2. Business Colleges—"This is our experience in teaching more than fifty thousand young people: cigarettes bring shattered nerves, mental weakness, stunted growth, and general physical and moral degeneracy. We refuse to receive users of tobacco in our institution." (Henry C. and Sara A. Spencer, Spencerian Business College.)

3. Union Pacific Railroad (Similar order.)
4. Omaha Schools—"No two ways about it. Either let cigarettes alone or go without an education. The use of cigarettes impairs the faculties of the pupil, and sooner or later will ruin him." (Superintendent Omaha Schools.)

5. Swift & Co. (Packing House, Chicago) and other Chicago business houses employing hundreds of boys have issued this announcement, or similar ones: "So impressed with the dangers of cigarette using that we will not employ a cigarette user."

6. Marshall Field—Similar announcement.
7. Life Insurance Companies—(same) "Cigarette users are bad risks."

8. Lehigh Valley Railroad bars cigarette smokers.
9. United States Army positions—"Thousands of young men rejected by medical examiners because they have 'to-bacco hearts,' the result of cigarette smoking." "In examination for West Point one fourth of the candidates were rejected. Cause, 'tobacco heart' from cigarette smoking."

10. United States Naval Schools—Out of 412 boys examined by the naval enlisting officers (Peoria, Ill.) only 14 were accepted of the 398 rejections, the greater number on account of weak hearts, and in the majority of cases this was caused by cigarette smoking."

11. Carson, Pirie and Scott, Chicago, bars cigarette smokers as employees.
12. Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad bars cigarette smokers.
13. Central Railroad, Georgia, forbids cigarette smoking.

14. High School—"I will not try to educate a boy with the cigarette habit. It is wasted time. The boy couldn't learn. Trying to teach him would be like talking to a block of wood. Cigarettes are poisonous. A boy who smokes cigarettes can't learn anything. His mental faculties are blunted. His physical being is wrecked."—Professor Wilkinson, school principal.

"The poor fellow was a complete wreck (a high school boy.) He could not get his mind on anything except cigarettes. He couldn't study, his eyesight was effected, he was haggard and pale, he was nervous and dejected, he couldn't remember anything longer than a minute, he was beyond redemption. He left school."—Professor Coy, high-school principal.

"Boys who smoke cigarettes are always backward in their studies. They are filthy in their personal habits, tending to viciousness; they are hard to manage, dull in appearance. There is danger of such boys making weak and undesirable citizens."—Principal W. S. Strickland. (All these instances are from the school principals of one large city.)

15. Ayer's Sarsaparilla Company, Lowell, employs hundreds of boys. "March 1, 1902: 'Believing that the smoking of cigarettes is injurious to both body and mind, thereby unfitting young men for their best work,—therefore, after this date, we will not employ any young man under twenty-one years of age who smokes cigarettes.'"

16. John Wanamaker's.—The application blank to be filled out by boys applying for a position reads: "Do you use tobacco or cigarettes?" A negative answer is expected, and is favorable to their acceptance as employees.

17. Morgan & Wright Tire Co., large employers.—"No cigarettes can be smoked by our employees."
18. Western Union Telegraph Company will discharge from their employ messenger service boys who persist in smoking cigarettes.

19. Burlington Railroad, and all railroads mentioned, have issued

orders that "positively forbids the use of cigarettes by employees while on duty."

20. United States Weather Bureau.—"Chief of the United States Weather Bureau, Willis M. Moore, has placed the ban on cigarettes in this department of government service."

21. Health & Milligan, Chicago, bars cigarette users.

22. Montgomery, Ward & Co.—"Will not employ cigarette users."

23. Northwestern University Academy.—"Dr. Fisk has asked all pupils who will not give up cigarettes to leave. Last year not one of the boys who used tobacco stood in the first rank of scholarship. Careful observation has convinced me that tobacco is largely responsible for low rank in scholarship."

24. Telephone Company.—Order: "You are directed to serve notice that the use of cigarettes after August 1 will be prohibited; and you are further instructed to, in the future, refuse to employ any one who is addicted to the habit."—Leland Hume, Assistant General Manager of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company.

25. New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad bar employees who smoke cigarettes.

26. Pittsburg and Western Railroad (part of the Baltimore and Ohio), forbids the use of cigarettes by the attaches of passenger trains, and notifies travelers that they must not smoke cigarettes in the passenger coaches of the company.

27. West Superior, Wisconsin, Railroad.—"Twenty-five laborers, working on a bridge, were discharged by the road-master because they were smoking cigarettes."

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Mrs. Dubbs—Progressive! Huh! She's probably like me—not a decent thing to wear.—Boston Transcript.

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NEW FORCES IN OLD CHINA.

Its Wonderful Development Religiously and Otherwise.

In China, old things are passing away so rapidly that it seems difficult to exaggerate the changes that are taking place. The emperor, through his father, the prince regent, has confirmed the promise of a constitution and has set a date for its adoption ten years hence. In view of this, orders have been sent to the governors of provinces to give the people instructions in self-government. Railroad construction is being pushed with all possible haste to give easy access to Peking by the time the first legislature is convened. Telegraph lines are being extended, the postal service is growing by leaps and bounds; the currency system is to be developed on a modern basis, and for the first time a census of China's, hitherto uncounted millions is being taken. The army is being drilled in modern methods and a new navy has been planned at a cost of \$100,000,000. In Peking water-pipes are being laid in the streets, a new system of sewerage is being installed, roads are being macadamized and an American electric company is equipping the city with an up-to-date telephone system at government expense.

Nor is the progress in material things alone. It is along social and intellectual lines as well. A great campaign against opium has been inaugurated and signs are not wanting that Chinese women are coming to their own. Many anti-foot-binding societies have been established, and women's clubs are being formed. Daily, weekly and monthly papers and magazines are multiplying with great rapidity, a new system of public instruction is being inaugurated, and schools are springing up all over the Empire. The intellectual awakening is not confined to any class or section and is said to be the most profound and far-reaching the world has known since the Revival of Learning in Europe five centuries ago.

These reforms, however, are not being accomplished without opposition. There is a strong reactionary party, and China is still in the throes of a conflict which will either make world power with a voice in the world's affairs or sink her once more in Oriental lethargy and stagnation.

To missionary bodies working in China the present educational crisis affords an unequalled opportunity for dominating the new intellectual life of the Nation. In view of this special emphasis is being laid on education. Those societies that have done little along this line are opening schools at all their stations; those that have educational plants already in operation are enlarging them and bettering their equipment. Through a great forward movement, launched in London last year, the sum of \$500,000 is also to be raised for this work.

Churches and schools are reported full, and many of the students in the colleges are offering themselves for the service of Christ. The women, too, are becoming more and more useful in the work. At the Chinese National Christian Endeavor Convention in Nanking last May the quiet-hour services were entrusted to Miss Dora Yi, a modest, unassuming Chinese girl, who conducted them with great power.

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