

# Women and the World

## Has Sunday School Class of 921

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## To Encourage Them

The German Government is encouraging marriages by arranging for the sale of furniture at a very low cost to newly married couples. There are some institutions that will provide a simple trousseau for the bride.

Hard at it wins, provided enough halts are called.

The husband who trips up most in his actions, trips up most in his explanation.

The wife who is taken into confidence about her husband's business, won't be so likely as a widow to be taken in by the confidence man.

If you blow up your husband, he may come down on you.

The woman insists the cost of a plume is a mere featherweight.

## In the Eyes of the World

Press Ill. Service  
LADY ASTOR

THIS American woman, who married one of the Astors and was elected to the House of Commons in England when her husband became a member of the House of Lords, has attracted much attention and a great deal of favorable comment by her open, fearless methods in Parliament. Her campaign for election was a forceful and a frank one. This characteristic has caused something of a shaking of the old bones in the House. While some of the male members are going at things in the old-fashioned "diplomatic" way, Lady Astor shoots straight at the subject, yanks the mask off their pretensions and lets the world see what is what. The greatest shock came when she wanted the hundreds of gallons of whisky taken out of the House cellar, it having been placed there so members could take a nip now and then.

Air your troubles on your own line.

Many a man is strong for his wife's cooking, who is weak because of it.

It's harder to plod than to run.

## Women Unite Against Extortion

A Housewives' Union to fight high prices has been organized in England under the leadership of Lady Askwith and Mrs. Hudson Lyall, of the London County Council.

"The cost of living is driving the life out of England," said Lady Askwith. "I can see a great deepening in the eyes of both the men and the women as they scrimp to buy the children's boots."

"The war was won by the men folks, but peace has yet to be won by the women folks," said Mrs. Lyall.

## To the Old for Something New

MARBLE-TOPPED furniture, wax fruit under a glass case, and those framed hair wreaths which were such a fad a half century ago that no guest dare leave her switch on the dresser at night for fear she might find next morning her hostess had woven it into tiger lilies and forget-me-nots—all these having bumped and rolled from the attic to the parlor, one is not surprised at any old thing becoming a fashion these days.

This material resurrection, always recurring at stated periods; the high cost of living, and one woman's desire to carry a creative longing into textiles, combined to reproduce the loom. It was a necessary article in every household a hundred years ago. It was so unwieldy and cumbersome that when Anna Nott Shook bought one, and tried to operate it, her back and limbs protested. They protested as loudly as her artistic sense had protested a few weeks before when she had gone from shop to shop looking in vain for certain weaves and colors in textiles.

She found that the loom had not had an improvement in two hundred years. The reason is obvious. It was a woman-used implement of industry, and men in the early days did not have the incentive of commercialism to invent implements that would make a woman's household tasks lighter. One might also add that perhaps they had so many troubles of their own they lacked the imagination to visualize a woman's.

Mrs. Shook had bought one of those rambling old country houses that had stood untouched for a hundred years. Such a home must be furnished to correspond with its period, and she began looking for dull-colored, coarsely-woven cloth, and looked in vain. She bought a loom, and found she hadn't the strength to operate it. An inspiration came to her; she would invent a loom of her own. In the five years since this thought came, she has taken out three valuable patents, and has sold her looms all over this country, and has sent them to Korea, England and France.

Weaving has come back into its own, with this difference; the loom is no longer in the kitchen. It is a light, movable thing that may be carried to any part of the house. And on this loom women are weaving material for dresses, carpets, rugs, draperies, bed coverings and table linens.

Better than this: There are hundreds of women in cabin homes in the mountains of Georgia and Tennessee who are wearing out their lives pounding and beating and stamping on machines that would try a man's strength. Mrs. Shook has opened a school where women are taught who come as representatives of these cabin folks, and who go back to show them how to do their weaving with a minimum of strength.

In the coming summer Mrs. Shook will open a weavers' settlement on a country place thirty miles from New York City. Here her looms will be made, and here women may live in cottages, or in a community boarding house, while they learn to weave. Some will go out as teachers; others are taking up the work to reduce the cost of living; many, naturally, are learning to weave as a passing fad.

"Have you not seen the woman," said Mrs. Shook, "who makes a pattern with a fork on her pie crust? Only pie, you say? It is more than that. It is an unconscious longing to create something beautiful, something that is individual. So here I come with my loom."

Down it comes from the attic, bump, bump, bump! Soon, in this going to the old for something new, there will be nothing left up there but memories.

## Wage of Cooks in Scotland

The liner advertisements for domestic servants in Scotch papers indicate that the average wage for cooks there is \$200 a year.

People size you by your sighs.

It is a mistake. A woman never "lays down" the jaw.

Their bit some people brag about, was just that.

## In Kentucky Politics

MRS. JOHN W. M'LANGLEY, of Kentucky, is the first woman to be chosen a member of a state central committee in that state. She knows something about politics, having been a counselor of her husband who is a member of Congress. In fact Mrs. Langley was born into politics, her father, J. M. Cudger, was a member of Congress from North Carolina. Mrs. Langley is an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention. She has been and is well known in Washington circles, having been in Washington frequently with her father before her marriage, and much of the time since.



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## Mr. Asquith's Daughter

THIS is one of the happiest women in all England. The daughter of one of England's most famous men, she is happy because her father, Mr. Asquith, has again won a seat in the House of Parliament, happy because she had much to do with the campaign that placed the former prime minister back in the place of influence. She is not only happy but admired as well, admired not only for the loyalty to her father, but also for her cleverness as a campaigner. In England one does not have to live in the "district" he or she represents in Parliament, and as many as seven constituencies have asked Lady Bonham-Carter to let them elect her to Parliament as their representative. So as age takes Mr. Asquith off the scene finally, the world is likely to see his daughter a force in the hall in which her father won many a victory and suffered some defeats.



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Remember to forgive your own sins also.

Ambition is more than merely longing for something.

## One Way of Stopping Them

A dispatch from Tokio, Japan, to the Manchester, England, Guardian, says: "The action of the Mikado in dissolving the Diet was only taken after it had appeared probable that the Suffrage Bill would pass owing to the absence of neutral members. The troops and police repelled the crowds which demonstrated outside the Diet buildings."

The whole family is willing to help mother to be self-denying.

Keep the channels of your good will free from obstruction.

## Important Post for Able Woman

MRS. HELEN HAMILTON GARDENER, 62 years old and looking much younger, for many years interested in woman suffrage, has been appointed a member of the Civil Service Commission. She is the first woman ever appointed on this or any similar commission. Her name is a non de plume, her maiden name having been Griffith and her married name Day. She had the name Gardener legalized, however, since it had become well known to the public through her writings. Mrs. Gardener is a vice president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association and congressional counselor of the National League of Women Voters.



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When approached by a homely woman, most men will hang out a non-eligible sign.

The most conservative woman is biased toward her own way of doing things.

In leap year, the maiden hopes the eligible young man will take her at her word.

Easy money makes an uneasy conscience.

Frequently the sharpest tongue has the least point to its sayings.

Women should remember that modes indicate moods.

The hungry man is apt to use biting words.

The more you lose, the more there is for you to get.

There's no contagion like cheerfulness.

Most women can be persuaded to come over to the opposition.

Slack ways make slack days.

When wrong yourself, you can't right another.