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NATIVE FLOWERS.

Let the Children Learn to Know and Love and Nurture. A woody-looking bunch of wild flowers, interspersed with feathery fronds and ferns and brake and grasses for foliage, sent to the Santa Cruz Surf, led to the offer of a prize to the county school outside of the cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville which shall send the most varied variety of wild flowers grown in the county.

The bunch of flowers mentioned above came from Laurel school, and contained the following varieties: Eschscholzia columbiana, Iris, lady's slipper, dog roses, climber, wild salvia, Indian pink, buttercup, painted buttercup, Mariposa lily or "hare bell," Solomon's seal and thimble berry blossoms.

In connection with the subject of wild flowers, adds the Surf, it may be mentioned that San Francisco has had a severe attack of admiration for the country beauties amounting to a fashionable craze. The origin of this new born admiration for the more delicate and ephemeral beauty of the wood blossoms and field flowers is really due to the work of that pioneer floral artist, Miss Mary D. Bates, who has for a number of years been educating the Four Hundred up to this point of appreciation.

Only a few years ago San Francisco society still clung to its decoration to the hearts and darts and wreaths and types made of stiff wire and decorated heterogeneously with the most expensive conservatory blossoms. Then there wandered into somebody's house a quiet but exceedingly determined little maiden, who had started to get her living honestly, with a certain heaven sent talent that she possessed. She startled the guests at the next entertainment by making of the house a symphony in wild flowers. Great masses of glowing eschscholzia for one room, studies in mariposa and ferns for another, palest Mariposa lilies nodding out of cool green nest—made a revolution, and was a liberal education to Mary Bates' patrons.

The successful artist, learned in the lore of the woods and dearly loving the flower-tapered fronds of a California spring, is glad to acknowledge that she has found in Santa Cruz mountains a school of art for herself—a storehouse whence she has drawn not only her inspiration but much of the material with which she wrought out her finest fancies. For several years she has passed her vacations camping near this city with a company of congenial friends and relatives. They have gathered stores for winter use, and have sent car loads of comfort to the sick and poor of San Francisco in the shape of flowers, ferns and wild fruits, and in the flower-mission, the Young Men's Christian association and other helpful organizations.

Now the demand for wild flowers in San Francisco is so great that from the time the first wild "poppies" came out their gold in January in sheltered fern corners till the last autumn blossoms came from September dust and sunshine two or three establishments in the city have all they can do to supply the demand, and many a country maiden and farmer's boy has earned a coveted new gown or a yearned for look by gathering and sending the one half despoiled blossoms.

Let the children learn to know and love and care for the native flowers of their native state. It will elevate and refine them more than any other thing. The Population of Africa. And under the name of the Independent State of Congo its government was organized after the most approved methods of Belgian administration, and it entered fully equipped into the family of nations. There is within its area, which is said to be thirty-three times that of Belgium, a population of 49,000,000 square miles, and some writers estimate it to contain about an equal population—23,000,000 souls. The enormous trade developing there comes mainly from the narrow selva which separates the mountains from the sea. It is a great basin, composed of plateaus, gradually ascending to 7,000 feet at some of the central lakes. It has four great river systems. On the west the Congo, second only to the Amazon in the volume of its waters, and the Niger; on the north the Nile; on the east the Zambesi. These rivers cross fertile and fertile lands, which finally breaking through the mountain barriers have descended by cuttings and canyons to the ocean, leaving great areas of rich deposits of wonderful fertility.—Col. Henry Sanford in Forum.

A Modern Need for Sleep. There is not one man or woman in ten thousand who can afford to do without seven or eight hours' sleep. All those stories written about great men and women who slept only three or four hours a night make very interesting reading; but I tell you, my readers, no man or woman ever kept healthy, happy and successful in a number of years with less than seven hours' sleep. Americans need more sleep than they are getting. This lack makes them so nervous and the insane asylums so populous. If you can get to bed early then rise early. If you cannot get to bed till late then rise late. It may be a Christian for one man to rise at 8 as it is for another to rise at 5. I counsel my readers to get up when they are rested. But let the morning bell be rung at least thirty minutes before your public appearance. Physicians say that a sudden jump out of bed gives irregular motion to the pulse. It takes hours to get over a too sudden rising. Give us time after you call us to roll over, gaze at the world full in the face and look before we leap.—T. Du Witt Talmage in Ladies' Home Journal.

What He Needed. Government Official—One of your young men was very impudent to me just now just because I asked him some questions. I wish you'd order some spring lamb for him. Director of the Mint—Spring lamb? Government Official—Yes, that goes with mint sass, doesn't it?—New York Ledger.

London gossip has it that Mr. Stanley had known his engagement in the following manner: Mr. Stanley observed to a friend that he would be in London during duty to attend duty on the 10th, after which he would go to Scotland. "Your wedding?" asked the friend, jokingly. "Yes," replied Stanley. "I'm going to marry Miss Dorothy Tennant."

Chinese white is sine, scarlet is lode of mercury, and native vermilion is from the quicksilver one called cinabar.

Little seal ultramarine is found in the market. It is obtained from the precious lazulite, and commands a fabulous price.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she clung to Castoria. When she became Miss, she called for Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

SHE BET AND WON.

Experience of Two Gotham Girls at the Race Track.

THEIR PRELIMINARY TRIALS.

Among Them Were Heat, a Perfidious Friend and a Disrespectful Cabman. From the Grand Stand They Saw Berry Wall's Trouser and Some Good Racing.

[Copyright by American Press Association.] This is the time of year when, finding it too sultry to do her shopping or promenade or even to stop at home in a darkened room with a palm leaf fan, the latest novel and a pitcher of claret punch, the young New York woman says to herself, "I think I will go to the races." So she puts on her most fetching frock and sets



A HOUSE RENOWNED FOR WHOOPING.

out for the apartments of her dearest woman friend. She is at once shown into the dainty bed room where her friend stands before her lace draped toilet table covered with fat pin cushions and silver brushes and things, putting the powder on her nose for her big black fan. Down it comes in the small hands upstretched to receive it, and once more they set out. This time it is not a false start. They board a boulevard car, for they must stop at the Grand Central depot for an imbecile female who has misdirected directions and who has telegraphed she will meet them there at 12:30.

But she is not there. Of course not. Who ever knew a woman to be at a place at a given time? They rush through the great square looking wildly around for an escapee female; they tackle the guards and ask if they have seen a woman in a maroon gown with a black lace hat. The men grin sheepishly and say "No," and as it is now 1:00 o'clock they conclude that the third woman may go to the devil in heaven, and once more turn their faces toward the Third Avenue Elevated station. A whiff up to Harlem and then, as they descend the stairs, they are surrounded by the back drivers, who beg and beseech for the inestimable privilege of driving them over to the street.

In a weak moment they yield to their blandishments and listen to the voice of the charmer. "A quarter apiece," says the man in shirt sleeves who assists them into the rambunctious old car in which they are to make their triumphant progress. "Well, why don't you start?" they ask the driver, after waiting vainly five minutes for a move. "Never mind to get two more, mum." "What you want to get two more. We're in a hurry, you see."

"Cost you a half dollar apiece then," he snorts. What are they to do? Be cheated and imposed upon in this fashion? No. Blue blood boils at the thought, and seeing a neat hansom approaching they signal it, and amid a perfect volley of pious, curses and expletives the driver is defiantly left the "stronche" and drive proudly away in the cab, van as peacocks to think they have outwitted a back driver.

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Not to be Bullied by a Cab. Crossing Harlem bridge and noting the crowd that is going up in the train, our girl's heart sinks and she decides to drive three preceding the driver does not demand a woman's salary for the luxury. For a wonder, however, because she deserted the enemy and came over to his side, he is inclined not to ask her a man quite equal to the national debt, so promptly the two are bowling along a lovely country road where the trees meet overhead and the pungent odor of the pine sticks from the woods and God's own sky can be seen no more.

At last the grand, stand, gay with flags, looms up before them and alighting from the hansom they are seized by a stout darkly and vigorously brushed through there until they are clean as their feet and hats.

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is just finished and the scarlet jockey is clinging to the neck of his horse as he speeds him home, and a prominent comic opera star in the box next theirs is opening her mouth wide when she sees the end of the stage as she sees her favorite win.

Look about! Tier after tier of faces, crowded boxes and a vast army of men down below on the turf. Handsome women, well known women, women of the masses and women of the half world. There is Kosina Vokas yonder smiling down at her husband, who stalks about with two friends, looking exceedingly happy. "I don't think Berry Wall is such a very well dressed man," says a little woman near by. "See how crumpled his trousers are," and looking down on the king of the dudes our girl honestly thinks there are hundreds of men present who are better dressed.

Look at this crowd of comedians and singers in the next box. The star who has just won wears a pink gown which is sadly unbecoming. The girl next to her looks as if she had just stepped out of a kitchen and another is as dark as the hour of spades. How different from the hours of the night before, when these dazzling creatures turned the heads of half the old chaps in town. On the other side sits a handsome snowy haired, black eyed man, a well known broker, and our girl smiles wickily as she remembers the story of one of his escapades at the sea shore. The showy woman with him is not his wife, but the wife of his friend.

See the gorgeous raiment of that woman yonder. Salomon in all his glory would be nothing beside her, while the best dressed woman present, as far as our girl can see, is one who wears a dove gray cloth gown and gray tulle bonnet, with a cluster of violets nestling in its fluffy folds. On her shapely breast is a knot of violets, and she daintily holds a gray silk parasol by its silver handle.

"See my racing handkerchief," says a little woman displaying a filmy affair embellished in designs of jockey caps, whips and horseshoes. One woman has her white waistcoat embroidered in scarlet horseshoes, and she looks dreadfully horsey.

Now they go down stairs for luncheon, where again they see many types of women. There is the woman in her best black silk. She looks thoroughly uncomfortable, as she ought. There is the woman who stars. She cannot get for staring at her neighbors. She twists her neck nearly off trying to see what the people at the next table are paying for their luncheon. She is so fearful that something will get away

WINNING HER FIRST WAGER. that between her gobbling her bouillon to great haste so as to lose no time and her gawking about the room she is indeed a spectacle.

Here comes the opera bouffe queen. She orders the luncheon for her crowd, as she is very flush just now. There is a royal spread over yonder for the broker and his friend. A woman goes out looking very flushed in the face, and jokes with one of the waiters as she passes him. There is an interesting trio—two well known newspaper women and a bright man, a magazine writer. They are more interested in their work than in the races, and as they discuss their "sheer" scribbles of talk about "stuffs" and "publishers" float to our girl's ears.

Upstairs again for the final race. She has had a tip from a woman who can pick out the winning horse like any old timer, and who won \$309 last summer at Saratoga and who naively confesses that if she were a man she would be an out and out gambler. So our girl backs the horse from the west. She can't see very well during that last race, the dust—or something else is it?—blinds her eyes, but at last, with a great pounding of her heart, she sees the violet jockey shoot ahead and knows she is several dollars richer than when she came.

"A bird in the hand," she thinks, as she goes toward her carriage. She does not believe she will try it again, but she will. Once she tastes the joys of betting cannot be forgotten by a woman at a crowd and a push around her she hears one of the newspaper women say: "I really can't see why women don't become jockeys. They've tried everything but that, and I think that will be the next day."

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