THE GIRLS OF ENGLAND.

Some Duties That Devolve Upon Most of the Heads of Households.

The English Shop Girl and the Social Position Which She Occupies.

Titled Young Women in Various Trades and How Their Actions May Affect Poorer Ones.

There are tourists and tourists. Some will come home and be able to tell only that they have seen the Alps and been to Paris, while others will have "done" Rome in a day, and as an English lady wonderingly narrated of one such American who had performed the feat "got a wonderfully clever idea of it at that." Nevertheless the most persistent and observant tourist would find it a herculean task to penetrate into the English home unless furnished with exceptional letters of introduction or possessed of exceptionally fascinating manners and exceptionally rare advantages of meeting people who are exceptionally unprejudiced.

"An Englishman's house is his castle" is a phrase familiar to us all, but to those unfamiliar with the survival of feudal ideas the full force of the saying is lost. From the noble lady who graciously accepts American hospitality on this side of the water and then forgets to extend an invitation for a return visit to the slovenly wife of the green grocer who slams the door of her back parlor when she enters the shop to serve a customer, the privacy of the home is jealously guarded.

Novelists have introduced us to the drawing rooms of the great and the sitting rooms of the humble, but a discreet silence has been maintained concerning the households of the shopkeepers, and it may be remembered that England is a nation of shopkeepers. So, after all, the stranger forms an idyllic conception of the English home, which, while it may flatter the English and satisfy those who never learn to the contrary, by no means represents the true state of affairs.

It may be well before entering further upon the subject to explain exactly what is meant by a shopkeeper. The entire business of the country is divided into three classes and is conducted in warehouses, which is the name given to buildings devoted to wholesale trade; offices, where goods are sold from samples, and shops, which last is synonymous with our retail store. A man keeping either a warehouse or an office is a tradesman, but he is not a shopkeeper, though a shopkeeper is a tradesman, "petty" or otherwise. A shopgirl is not a factory hand; neither is she a "saleslady." Her highest title is that conferred upon her by act of parliament in recent enactments, "shop assistant."

These "young persons" lead very different lives from those in similar positions in this country. In the first place, for the most part they leave home and live in the house of their employer. This is of course a survival of the old apprentice system. Even in warehouses it is quite common for those learning the business to live "indoors," and many prosperous tradesmen have their homes over their shops and offices in rooms fitted not for family comfort, but the idea of accommodating a small army of assistants.

The kitchens and larders of such establishments resemble those of our hotels When it is remembered that the tradesman's wife has to superintend such a household, the life of an American boarding house keeper looms up as elegant leisure in comparison with her lot, not to mention that the American woman has the handling of money, whereas the tradesman's wife receives no reward save the consciousness of having done her duty. Men who have incomes ranging as high as $10,000 a year do not employ housekeepers, but impose households of 20 or more strangers upon their wives. These "young people" have to be lodged, fed and in many cases uniformed, and the mistress must see that no waste takes place in any direction; that the health and morals of her charges are carefully guarded, and if a conscientious woman she frequently performs the duties of nurse in serious illness for those who are far from home or who have no home save that of their employer.

It would seem impossible with the strict surveillance to which all those in respectable house are subjected for serious evil to creep in, but there are sad tragedies continually taking place in those vast households which only show that the gentle, red cheeked English girl is no stronger morally than her American sister, who has more freedom, but possibly no greater temptation.

Much has been said and written about titled ladies going into trade, and recent articles in the English press declare that the daughters of professional men are now entering west end establishments and taking their places behind the counters and in the workrooms. All this tells a sad story to those who read between the lines. While we admire the pluck and energy of a woman who puts pride behind her and works bravely to earn her living, one cannot but remember that the entrance of titled milliners and dressmakers has ruined many a respectable shopkeeper whose modest bank account would not pay for the artistic signs and expensive fittings of her noble competitor. And as to the daughters of professional men going behind the counter, what is to become of them when the "upward pressure" bursts all bounds? That pressure is increasing with every class that leaves the board schools. God help those who seem doomed to be caught beween the upper and nether millstones.

We, as Americans, must rejoice that England is fast becoming a democracy. Nevertheless, those of us who know the feudal system only through poem and romance, who have never suffered from the tyranny arising from the survival of the idea that the sovereign owns the lord, the lord owns the knight, the knight the squire, and so on down to the beggar, may be permitted one little sigh over the loss of chivalry, but sober second thought makes us rejoice that England is becoming "Americanized," that the rights of the individual are more and more recognized. But while we look at the rapidly dissolving views of olden times would it not be well to bear in mind that well developed systems as well as human beings have in them some germ of good worth rescuing?

We are rubbing up the old andirons and polishing the worm eaten furniture of our ancestors because they have a beauty no modern work can attain. Surely, then, it would be no degradation to us to adopt the gentle courtesy toward those who serve us—such as the English shopgirl receives to this day from even chance customers. Surely it would be no confession of inferiority for the shopgirl—we beg pardon, the saleslady—to learn that neatness and avoidance of display are the dictates of good taste and good sense even though they chance to be the rules of an employer. Surely it would be well for employers to feel some responsibility for the afterhours in the life of their employees. Some do. "May their tribe increase" on both sides of the Atlantic.—New York Times.

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FORTUNES IN FLOWERS.

Shrewd Men Who Raise Roses For Profit Near New York.

[Special Correspondence.]

SUMMIT, N. J., Aug. 7.—New Jersey was never in the front rank of agricultural states. In these days of cheap transportation, although their lands lie between the two great markets of Philadelphia and New York, New Jersey farmers find it more and more difficult year after year to successfully compete with the farmers of the west or even of New York state. Fruit raising, truck gardening and the development of suburban towns and summer resorts have been found to be far more profitable lines of effort than farming.

Here and at Madison, not far away, shrewd men are making small fortunes in flowers. Roses are especially profitable, and the great mass of the roses taken daily and on festive and social occasions by New Yorkers comes from these two places. The cultivation of roses as a business was begun here perhaps a dozen years ago, but its marked increase is a matter of comparatively recent date. Although the supply has increased enormously in the last three or four years, it has not more than kept pace with the demand, for New Yorkers are great lovers of roses, and their fondness for the "queen of flowers" is growing rather than the reverse.

The rose houses of Summit and Madison will no doubt now compare favorably with those of the most famous rosegrowers of Europe, and it is gratifying to know that in these two places the Americans who have engaged in the business have kept abreast of their competitors of foreign birth, especially in forcing early blooms. It is not so in many places in the United States. A large proportion of the floriculturists of this country are Germans, who before they came here were gardeners in the employ of members of the nobility. Flower growing is among the chief fads of titled Germans, and as they are generally men of great wealth who raise flowers for their own amusement and the pleasure of their friends only they are able to make many experiments which would not be commercially profitable, but which often result in new and delightful varieties of flowers. Their gardeners of course receive excellent training, and when they come to America to engage in commercial floriculture they enjoy great advantages over the average American flower raiser, who generally has to learn whatever he knows about flowers after he has gone into the business.

Next to roses chrysanthemums perhaps are raised here more than any other flowers. At all events, there is a large output of this beautiful Japanese favorite every autumn. Besides there is a considerable business done in this vicinity in the raising of orchids. The profitable nature of flower raising has become so generally understood in this part of New Jersey that many persons have gone into it on a small scale, not a few of them being New York business men who reside in this vicinity and have added conservatories to their houses, where they raise enough for all their own needs and have a surplus for sale which sometimes pays all the expense of the conservatory and furnishes a small profit besides.

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A Wild Beast Caravan.

Few of the people who go to a menagerie realize what an immense undertaking it is to transport wild beasts from the land of their birth and of their freedom to the land of their imprisonment, and too frequently, of their death. I will ask my readers to picture for themselves an African desert blazing beneath a burning sun. Across the weary waste of sand a long column of men and animals is wending its slow way. As it draws nearer we see that it is a caravan of wild animals on their way from the interior to the seaboard. And as it passes us the vast mass of living creatures, as in a chemical process, slowly dissolves itself into distinct particles and individualities.

Let us regard them carefully. In the first place we notice a procession of 14 stately giraffes, then come 5 elephants, a huge rhinoceros, 4 wild buffaloes bellowing sadly after the mates they have forever left behind. Then there go lumbering in a number of enormous carts or wagons, in which are confined 30 hyenas, 5 leopards, 6 lions, 2 cheetahs, 16 antelopes, 2 lynxes, 1 serval, 1 ward bob, 20 smaller carnivorous animals, 4 African ant eaters and 45 monkeys. And then there come slowly prancing by, wary, restless, cunning, 26 ostriches. There are 20 boxes of birds, from which sounds of shrill screaming are constantly proceeding. There are upward of 100 Abyssinian goats scattered here and there in the procession. These are to give milk for the young animals and to serve as food and meat for the old.

The caravan is on its way through the desert of Suakin, which is the first shipping place for Europe. There are no less than 120 camels in it, which are required to carry the food for this caravan, and there are upward of 100 drivers in the procession. It takes the caravan upward of 30 days to cover the distance which lies between Oassala in the interior of Nubia and the port of Suakin, for which they are bound. The same journey is usually performed by quick post camels in 12 days.—McClure's Magazine.

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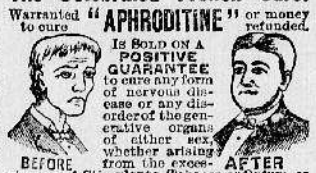

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