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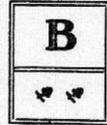
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Education of Women

Not the Cause of More Frequent Divorces, but the Occasion

By Laura Drake Gill, Dean of Barnard College.



BEYOND dispute, a crisis in family life exists, and the greater education of women is said to be its cause. Shall we not rather call it the occasion? The cause is still deeper. It is the unending struggle between authority and autonomy.

The present situation seems to be merely the chaos of transition; it corresponds to the stage of anarchy by which government must too often pass from absolute monarchy to democracy—or to the agnosticism by which religion breaks the chains of an artificial authority before it acknowledges the true authority of virtue and communion.

The present family crisis is undoubtedly occasioned by the greater education and consequent economic independence of women in general; it is, however, manifested through individual women who share the economic freedom, but lack the discipline of education. Frequent divorce is the result of education of women as refracted through the medium of uneducated women. They grasp the freedom of escape from an unwise marriage, yet lack the training to make a wise marriage.

In a wide acquaintance with college women I have personally known only one case of divorce. This was carried through without scandal or any offense to public morals. Among high school graduates a limited inquiry would indicate a small percentage of divorce. It is the girls of luxurious homes of whom little effort is demanded. The girls of the middle class, whose fathers support them in ease, but fail to educate them for service; the girls of the laboring classes, with limited training and heavy burdens—these girls make the women in whose lives the restless spirit of the times may work sad havoc. They have not been trained to look upon marriage as an opportunity to escape self-support. They have the courage and decency to demand ordinary loyalty and fair play from men, yet they often fail to realize their own obligations.

We need, then, not less chance of escape from intolerable conditions, but a truer conception of family dignity; not less economic independence for women, but more sense of its responsibility; not less education for women, but more education for all women.

The economic function of women is in the home, where the wife and mother spend four-fifths of the average man's earnings. If women who spend their time aimlessly about shops would take that time to think about the expenditure of money they would save time, money and happiness. Women must be taught that the expenditure of money is their profession and they must make it a science—not a mania. Every woman ought to have a profession of wise expenditure and of wise housekeeping.

More true education for the mass of women is the need of the hour; education in efficiency, education in loyalty to the state, education in the way to produce a healthy, intelligent, devoted race; but, above all, education in the responsibility for the use of our individual lives. The arbitrary authority of marriage laws or the individual husbands will then become obsolete before an autonomy based upon the inward authority of conscience and reason.

The... Real Romance of American History

By Orison Swett Marden.



HERE is nothing else so fascinating in American history as the romance of achievement under difficulties—the story of how men and women, who have brought great things to pass, got their start, and of their obscure beginnings and triumphant ends, their struggles, their long waitings and want and woe, the obstacles overcome, the final victories; the stories of men and women who have seized common situations and made them great, or of those of average ability who have succeeded by dint of indomitable will and inflexible purpose.

What grander sight is there than that of a stalwart man made irresistible by the things which have tried to down him—a man who stands without wavering or trembling, with head erect and heart undaunted, ready to face any difficulties, defying any cruelties of fate, laughing at obstacles because he has developed in his fight with them the superb strength of manhood and vigor of character which makes him master?

No fate or destiny can stop such a man—a man who is dominated by a mighty purpose. Thousands of young men of this stalwart type every year burst the bonds which are holding down the weakling, the vacillator and the apologist.

That which dominates the life, which is ever uppermost in the mind, generally comes somewhere near realization; but there is a great difference between lukewarm desire and a red-hot purpose. It takes steam to drive the piston in the engine; warm water will never turn the wheels. The longings that fall of realization are usually just below the boiling point.

Mysterious People We Meet

By Robert Hichens.



ANY people assume certain manners as they assume certain clothes, and change these manners more seldom than they change their clothes. Some think it ingratiating to be perky. Others think it more graceful to be drooping and melancholy, to gazed wistfully, walk mournfully, and sit as if before the baked meats of a funeral feast. But of all the people who indulge in travesty, I think I get most amusement out of the mysterious people.

Bated, forever bated, is the breath of the mysterious person. Directly he comes into the room you are conscious of the presence of the unutterable, and know that it will speedily be uttered into your most private ear. When he speaks to you he "takes you aside," so that none other may know that he is telling you that the weather is damp and that there is a deal of influenza about. As he discusses with you such dreadful subjects as the price of hobnailed boots, the fluctuations of stocks, the merits of President Roosevelt and the economies of the administration, his head approaches yours, his lips pout secretively, his eyes glance round warily to make sure that no one is within earshot to betray him and you.

The gallows is surely in his memory. He wishes to avoid it. He wishes kindly wretch—to save you from it also. Meet him half way. It is such fun to do that. He responds sensitively to the slightest mysterious encouragement and thinks he is impressing you and that you believe him to be a strange and remarkable personage, and that you will go away and say, "Glad I met John Smith. Interesting man. Not every day you come across a man like that."

Many women are mysterious. Indeed, I have met more mysterious women than mysterious men. The mysterious woman is often small, but her hats are large, plumed like a horse, and generally black as night. Pale is her face and languid her manner. She tries to look consumptive and succeeds surprisingly often. As a rule she has little to say, but says it in such an awful manner that it takes on a fictitious importance and for the moment appears to be impressive.

Think over your acquaintances and friends. Are not some of them mysterious, and are not they highly considered; are not they called "interesting" on that account? There are many spurious things in the social world, but few things are more spurious than that reputation for being interesting which is gained by the mysterious manner. And half of the world at least is tricked. For every day perkiness is called brilliance, mystery wisdom, assurance greatness, and the puppet in the mask a giant in the sunshine.—Chicago Tribune.

A Reasonable Proposition. Bumper—You owe me thirty thousand dollars, which you say you can't pay. Why don't you marry Miss Old Girl. She is worth twice that amount. Jumper—No, I can't do that; but you might marry her yourself and pay me the difference.—Fliegende Blätter.

As to His Mind. "It takes you a pretty long time to decide what to do, doesn't it?" inquired Pepprey. "Well," replied Cholly, "when I finally do make up my mind I stick to it. There's consistency, at any rate." "Yes, the consistency of mush."—Philadelphia Press.

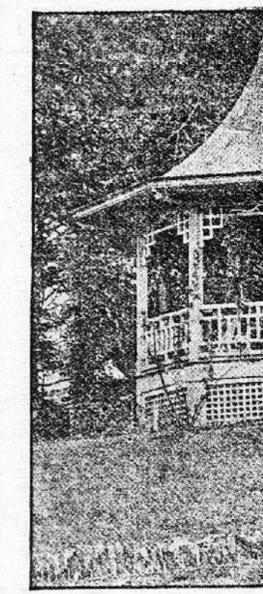
Up to the end of March last about \$25,000,000 worth of military notes had been issued by the Japanese army in Korea and Manchuria.

Japanese school teachers and Japanese text books are busy in the Korean schools.

ATTRACTIVE HOME GROUNDS.

A Summer House May Be a Source of Pleasure at Little Cost.

NO yard of sufficient size to admit of it ought to be without something in the way of a summer house. There are several reasons why this should be the case: First, such structures are attractive in themselves; second, they afford an excellent opportunity for displaying vines to advantage; third, they give the children of the family a place to play in, in which there is ample shelter from



A PRETTY SUMMER HOUSE.

heat, but where all the benefits of pure air are to be obtained. But the probabilities are that a house of this kind will not be given over wholly to the children. The older members of the family will find it so delightful a place to spend the hot days of summer in that they will make quite as much use of it as the children will. With comfortable chairs and a hammock it can be made far pleasanter than any room in the house. If built of good size as every such house ought to be, when the grounds will admit of it—ten can be served there in summer, and it will really become the centre of family life from June to September.

A house like the one shown in the illustration accompanying this article will cost considerably, for every part of it is well built and calculated to last for years. But those who cannot afford the expense of such a structure can easily reduce the cost by using rustic material. Posts of cedar, set in the ground, will afford ample support for the roof, which ought to be of shingles to keep out rain. For the railing and bracket work cedar poles and branches can be substituted, or, if these are not procurable, any kind of wood can be used. Cedar is preferable because of the ease with which it is worked and its pretty bark, which will last for a long time. Any kind of material obtainable from the woods can be worked into such a building with good effect. The more crooked, gnarled and fantastic it is the better for brackets and railing.

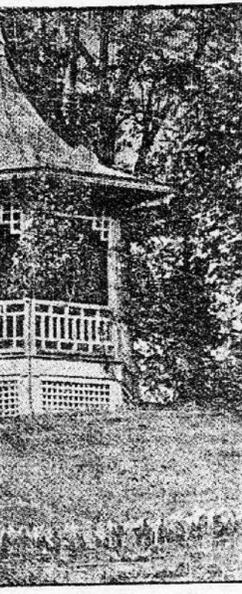
Vines should be set out about the house and trained up the posts and made to completely cover the roof. In one season it can be made a bower of beauty. The best vine for the purpose is our native Ampelopsis, or Virginia creeper. This will take hold of the rough poles with its fingers and train itself. Our Celastrus, or bittersweet, is another excellent native vine of very rapid growth. This will also train itself by twisting its slender branches about post and bracket. Its scarlet and orange berries will make the place quite as attractive in winter as in summer.

While a house like the one illustrated may look better in some respects than the cheap substitute of posts and poles, it will lack the rustic charm which characterizes the latter. The boys of the family can build a house that will afford the entire family a world of pleasure, and the cost of it will be small.—Eben E. Rexford, in New York Tribune.

MECHANICAL CATALOGUE.

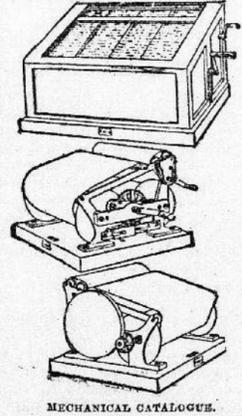
Can Be Consulted More Rapidly Than a Book.

SOME fifteen years ago the mechanical library catalogue made its advent; its obvious advantages, it came into vogue, possibly on account of the initial expense and difficulty of maintaining in operative condition. The principle of causing any given series of names or other data to appear successively at an opening by mechanical means possesses merits that should be sufficient to justify its use oftener than at present obtains.



MECHANICAL CATALOGUE.

At the moment a Los Angeles inventor is to the fore with a modification of this principle applied to cabinet city directories. The names and addresses are arranged in alphabetical order, as is usual, and are mounted on a directory strip wound upon rollers. Means are provided for the rapid winding and unwinding of this scroll by means of a crank handle and suitable gearing. The ratio of the gears is such that a very rapid movement of the strip is effected, a necessary feature to insure quick reference. An index guide is mounted on separate rollers, which do not travel so rapidly and which enable the operator to reach



MECHANICAL CATALOGUE.

the desired section of the index conveniently. Of course, it is apparent that such a device would be very cumbersome if applied to the directory of a large city, and consequently is better adapted to small towns and communities. A supplementary directory strip is provided for the addition of names, so as to keep the list fully up to date. The entire top of the case is made transparent, so that a large number of names are visible at one time, and a movable guide is provided to permit of close scanning of successive columns.—Philadelphia Record.

The Florida phosphate beds were first discovered by the Government geologists about 1884.

The new Simpson tunnel is exactly twelve miles and 458 yards long.

NEW SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.



Charles Jerome Bonaparte has just been appointed Secretary of the Navy to succeed Paul Morton. Mr. Bonaparte is a collateral descendant of the great Napoleon, being the grandson of Jerome Bonaparte, King of Westphalia, a brother of the Emperor. Jerome married in 1803 against his brother's wishes Miss Elizabeth Patterson, of Baltimore.

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