

THE SARATOGA NEWS.

Ladies' Day at the Douglass Lyceum Creates Much Interest.—Among the Churches and a Peep in the Social World.—Colored Lady Clerks.—

Saratoga, N. Y., Special.—Sunday, July 31st, Rev. Mr. Hoose, of Virginia, preached a very able sermon at the Baptist Mission from St. Luke, 11th chapter and 4th and 10th verses. The Mission was crowded. The sermon was very edifying. After the sermon a collection of \$10 and some cents was received.

At the Frederick Douglass Literary Association Wednesday night, August 2, was known as Ladies' night, at which time the ladies of the Literary took full charge of the evening's exercises. The solos, duets, recitations and readings were well rendered. Miss Blanche Evans, who is the pianist of the Literary, played a piano solo, after the opening of the meeting, which was very well executed. Miss O. Bruce read a paper which was logical and she was heartily encored. A recitation was read by Miss Hall. She was heartily applauded and encored. Miss Haris sang a solo, the rendition of which was perfect. Mrs. Lucy Lee Ferguson, who sang a solo, proved herself little less than a prima donna and brought the house down by storm.

Little nine-year-old Annie M. McPate sang a solo which surprised the audience. She was also encored. Mrs. J. H. Riley was chairman, Miss Bertha Weeks secretary, of the Ladies' night. Mr. Joseph Lee, head waiter of the Grand Union Hotel, Saratoga, is honored this summer as the President of the Frederick Douglass Literary Association. He is the right man in the right place. His dignity as a President is unquestioned.

We are pleased to state two colored young ladies are clerks in a large store in this city. They are Miss Lottie and Mabel Wilder. Mr. Windruff of Saratoga, has a clerkship in a hardware store here and is highly respected. It is pleasing to see the Colored Race advancing.

The Colored property owners are very numerous here also. Among them are Mr. J. Harris, Mr. H. A. Wayland, head waiter of the Worden Hotel, Mr. W. A. Latimore, W. Pleasants, C. W. Hill, Mrs. E. Marshall, Mrs. Mary Cacks, Mr. George Peterson, C. H. Peterson, Mr. E. Atkins, Mr. Charles Stewart, B. Latimore, J. P. Randolph, H. Hyson and Mr. Henry Coleman, and there are many more, which space does not permit us to mention.

At the Baptist Mission last Sunday night Thos. Richards, of Orange, N. J., preached a delightful and a very powerful sermon to a crowded house, from II Kings, 7th chapter, 2a verse. At the conclusion of the sermon the Lord's Supper was commemorated. Over \$9.00 were realized at the collection. They have a choir at the Mission that they need not be ashamed of. J. R. Frisby, Chorister, Mrs. Emma Johnson, Organist.

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The women of the commonalty are voluble and vixenish, and ever ready to slap a handful of stars into the eyes of a husband—or into those of a timid and shrinking tourist—should the occasion arise, says Outing. The women of the upper class are rigorously excluded from masculine eyes and a hearty vote of thanks is due the committee who fathered this unwritten law. The dainty little Japanese musmee, teetering along in sandals or on wooden geta, is a genuine relief to the eye after a view of the uncomely Korean female, and it is a pleasing reflection that Nippon is slowly but surely spreading her standard over the hermit realm.

Until Korean boys are married and acquire the pseudo dignity of the top-knot, their hair is worn girl fashion in twin plaits down their backs. So much do they resemble girls that it is sometimes difficult to determine the sex, and one is oftentimes uncommonly surprised to observe what he is positive are two girls sprawling and viciously fighting in a Korean street.

BLOOD IN THE BEARINGS.

Hindoo Thieves Would Not Steal the "Doctored" Oil Used in American Machinery.

The prejudice against blood that is a part of the religion of the Hindoos has been made to serve a useful purpose. When the American engineers were building an electric power station in the Mysore territory in southern India they found that something was wrong with the lubrication of the machinery. The oil disappeared. They discovered that a Hindoo must, by his religion, take a periodical bath in oil. The workmen had drained the bearings for bathing purposes.

How to stop the thieving was a puzzling problem until some one solved it. The Hindoo does not eat meat and he will not touch anything that has blood in it. Two or three animals were killed, therefore, and blood was dripped into the bearings. There was no more stealing of oil, however many other things were stolen.

SCOURGE OF THE AMAZON.

Dread Mosquitoes Render People Along the Great River Miserable at All Times.

It is not a pleasure to live in the wild regions along the banks of the River Amazon. The Indians of that region all suffer martyrdom from the mosquitoes. Nobody in even the worst mosquito regions of the United States can imagine what the mosquitoes of the Amazon region are like. They actually drive the Indians, hardened as they are, from their villages at times. The people drag their women and children into woods and uplands on such occasions, fleeing in headlong terror, and they do not venture back to their homes until daylight.

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