

# Women Who Hold Down Unusual Jobs



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*Though Miss Hattie Maddox is blind, she is one of the best workers in the Post-Office at Washington.*

**M**ISS HATTIE MADDOX, who is totally blind, turns out as much work a day as any one else in the mail-bag repair shop of the Post-Office Department.

Miss Maddox has been employed in the repair shop since 1889, and is an expert at her work. After a mail-pouch has been repaired, she puts new draw-strings in the mouth of each canvas sack.

**W**HEN Rose Lorenze was a young girl she began selling catalogues for the American Art Association. Porcelains and ceramics interested her. The sense of touch is a great factor in determining the dynasty in which many of the Chinese porcelains were made; and Miss Lorenze has developed this sense to such a degree that she can lay her hands on any piece of Chinese pottery and, with her eyes closed, tell its dynasty.

Miss Lorenze has been with the American Art Association for thirty-seven years. When she completed her twentieth year of service, her employers presented her with \$20,000.

**M**ISS ALICE PURINGTON, of the United States Patent Office, has the task of passing on the merits of all the dolls, toys, and games submitted to the patent division of the Department of the Interior.

"All things patented," says Miss Purington, "must be both operative and useful. It is my business to ascertain whether dolls, toys, and games operate according to design. That is my work."



*The employers of Rose Lorenze, expert in ceramics, gave her \$20,000 at the end of her twentieth year of service.*



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*First assistant to Santa Claus is the job of Miss Alice Purington.*

"It's just as good a way to make a living as anything else," says Mrs. Francis Clenton, a bootblack on Rue Royal in New Orleans.

Mrs. Clenton, who was formerly a trained nurse, said she nearly grieved to death in a "ghastly old hospital in Macon, with people dying all around."

"Bootblacking is in keeping with my views on optimism. I can take a pair of sorrowful shoes and turn them out reflecting all the joys in the world," she declares.

**M**ISS ROSE MURRAY, the only woman in the world who holds the position of physician and surgeon to "sick" books, has more than 8,000,000 patients under her care. She is the "doctor" for all the volumes in the New York Free Public Library. There is a very lively element of danger in her position, because books, like people, derive their sickness largely from germs and microbes.

That is why Miss Murray goes about her work dressed just like a surgeon at an operation. Her equipment consists of a huge apron and a veil of cheesecloth.

**G**RANDMOTHER SMITH of Cincinnati, is that city's only woman cobbler. She learned the trade from her husband, and, as there are ten in the family she can find plenty of work, when trade is dull, right in her own household.



*She makes her living shining shoes.*



*Miss Rose Murray is doctor to "sick" books*



*The only woman cobbler in Cincinnati.*