

Mid-Lent Meditations

OF Kate Clyde

WELL, here we are in mid-Lent. Everything is as quiet as a mouse...

her dearest friends. She furthermore volunteered to write the lecture herself...

Any number of people have left town in order to escape the fasting and general mortifying of the flesh.

Mrs. Astor, whose Paris apartment is ready for her, Miss De Forest is going to travel through Spain with her new friend, Mrs. Hooper.

girls acted as waitresses. We were dressed in peasant costumes, and a nice time some of us had piecing out our own hair with artificial tresses!

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Photo by Bentlinger, Paris. DIRECTOIRE CLOAK OF FAWN TAFFETA.

WOMEN BELIEVERS IN ASTROLOGY

Aries, Head Sign of the Zodiac

IT WOULD surprise most persons to know how many intelligent twentieth century women believe in astrology and consult star readers in regard to their affairs.

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sign. If an Aries subject is ever stupid or weak or negative in character, the fault is with himself. Take note that his sign is all right.

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PRETTY AGUILLETES ON WOMEN'S CHAPEAUX.

The spikelike ornaments known as aguilletes are certainly enjoying great vogue.



them on shoes. Now comes the latest from Paris. A toque of violet panne and taffeta has a huge rosette on the left side, from which hang two tabs of taffeta tipped with long gold aguilletes.

SUBSTITUTE FOR THE CORSET.

We read that quite a satisfactory substitute for the corset has been invented. It is just a simple little bust girle, but is made on entirely new lines and solves many a troubling problem to women.

SERBIAN MARRIAGE SOCIETIES.

A remarkable state of affairs exists just now in Serbia and especially in the capital, Belgrade.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S TABLE.

The setting out of the dinner of Queen Elizabeth was a ceremonious function. First came a gentleman with a rod, followed by a gentleman carrying a tablecloth, which, after they had knelt reverently three times, was spread upon

talented young man (the graduated from Oxford and is preparing for the ministry) gives us little talks on serious subjects.

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Photo by Bentlinger, Paris. Design by Vivot. TURBAN OF BLUE CHIFFON AND ECRU LACE.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD. The dust settling of London is carried off by women who handle the collected refuse at the wharfs.

WOMAN'S ODD LITTLE WAYS.

BY TABITHA SOURGRAPES.

MISS TINIE TOOTSEY had a lover whom she adored, and he adored her. He had magnetic, curly black hair, faraway brown eyes at once melting and piercing.

ARE WOMEN OF TODAY INFERIOR TO MEN?

Judging by the amount of suffering and ill health one finds among highly civilized women, one would suppose that they were naturally weaker than men.

In Germany women work beside their husbands on the farms and apparently are as capable of doing so. In Austria one sees women employed as masons' laborers and in carrying bricks and mortar.

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the table. The gentlemen again knelt three times and retired. Then came two others, one with a rod, the other with a salt cellar, a plate and bread. They knelt three times, placed the things on the table, knelt again and retired.

membership of the societies to increase with astonishing rapidity. A good many persons join several societies, and in some cases the claims of the newly married pair amount to \$3,000 or \$4,000, as both bride and groom belong to eight or ten societies.

A WET WEATHER HINT.

If you get calfskin or other strong kid gloves wet, rub a tiny drop of castor oil well in while they are still on your hands. This prevents them from drying hard and stiff, as they usually do after getting wet.

but in the newspapers as well and by means of conversation with nearly all the diplomats in London.

members of the sex are believed to be superior to petty considerations of orthodoxy, but in her own case interest in the matter led the queen to rebuke official correspondents for laxity in spelling.

Germany, which is slow in reform movements, is allowing women increased educational privileges and also the opportunity to apply what they know.

Dr. Mary Walker vows she will hunt to the death any persons who dare to put skirts upon her and bury her in them when she passes to the summer land.

Among the 2,754 students at the University of Edinburgh last year there were 252 women, and 168 students were from India.