

### SCHOOL FOR NURSES IN MANILA PLANNED

#### Women's Activities Varied. Legal Status in Canada Defined.

Miss Malvina M. McKeever, of Roxbury, is to establish a training school for nurses in Manila. The institution is to be under control of the bureau of education, and Filipino girls are to be the students. Miss McKeever served as a nurse in the Spanish war and later was matron in the civil hospital in Manila.

Mrs. O. C. Edwards, of MacLeod, Canada, has compiled a book showing the legal status of women in Canada. One inflexible to which Mrs. Edwards calls attention is that according to the laws of Canada the father owns the child and decides as to its education, religion, domicile, etc. The consent of the father alone is required in regard to the marriage of a minor daughter. In one case in the province of Quebec, according to Mrs. Edwards, a father gave his twelve-year-old daughter as a wife to a comrade of his who was over forty.

Miss Julia Schoenfeld, secretary of the committee on amusements and vacation resources of working girls, investigated personally every summer boarding place included in the list that the committee sent out this season. Before the season opened the committee advertised for persons who were willing to take girls as boarders during the summer for a moderate sum. More than two-thirds of the answers were thrown aside upon investigation.

Miss Tada's English school for girls in Tokyo is said to be doing a pioneer work of much importance in Japan. She is really laying the foundation for higher education among Japanese women. The enrollment for several years has been about 150 pupils, all of whom remain in the school for from three to five years.

The International Female Nurses will hold their first conference this month in London. Japan will be represented by Mrs. Take Hagiwara and Mrs. Nobu Matsudaira of the Japanese Red Cross Society. They are said to be the first Japanese women to represent Japan in any international women's gathering. Mrs. Hagiwara is the 15th daughter of the Marquis Nabeshima and now makes her home in England. Mrs. Matsudaira accompanied the Marchioness Yuzanouchi on a tour through Europe several years ago and is now living in Paris in the suite of Prince and Princess Nashimoto.

Miss N. Edwards, of Coaley, Gloucestershire, is said to be the highest authority in England on poultry. She has won over 1,000 prizes and exported poultry into every country. Beginning in a small way with only twenty fowls, her poultry farm is now one of the largest in England. She does not raise chickens for the general market, but sells eggs and stock birds.

### CONSTANT CARE NEEDED BY RUGS

#### Suggestions Offered for Keeping Them Clean and in Repair.

Rugs should never be hung on a line and beaten. They should be carefully swept with the nap, and if very dusty, damp sawdust can be put on and thoroughly swept. Once in about four times sweep against the nap, as this will keep it from matting and also adds to the sheen. About once a week have it turned upside down on the grass and gently tapped with a flat rattan broom.

The best method is to have them cleaned once in a while by a vacuum cleaner. This will take out all dust and lurking moths. Rugs can be washed at home if done with care on the piazza floor. First have the rug cleaned of dust, then turn upside down and rub with olive oil soap or good white soap in with a brush until a lather is formed, then turn and do the same to the top.

Let warm water run over it until it soaks and the soap is all removed, and then let cold water run over it from the sprinkler for an hour. Roll on a wooden roller with the nap, to take out the extra water, and spread on the roof to dry for three clear days and nights. If this seems too much of a process, have them sent to a good professional cleaner.

Every woman's rug problem is, of course, different, but a rug even in the cheaper grades should be bought with thought and care, avoiding glaring colors and startling designs. To have one's house beautiful does not mean necessarily a lavish expenditure of money, but it does mean good taste and careful thought.

A beautiful rug is well worth making a sacrifice to get, and then is well worth taking good care of.

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### FEW ELIGIBLE MEN HERE, SAYS ANOTHER CRITIC

#### Washington Woman Asserts Conditions Are Such That There Are No Congenial Ones to Meet, Except Those Who Are Bald-Headed and Already Married.

Just as we go along let me tell you that I feel that the "marriage question" and eligible man proposition is much more to the fore than the average woman admits even to herself.

Last night in the street car a group of girls were discussing the letter from the "girl in the millinery department of a large department store," as printed on the Women's Page of The Times yesterday, and the way they voiced their sentiments about this Adamless Eden was a caution.

Some of them, however, find the Eden not without its serpent as the following letter demonstrates:

"Editor Women's Page, Washington Times. "Dear Miss Carroll: I have read with intense interest the letter published by you from a working girl who is evidently a woman of both intelligence and refinement, and who deprecates the fact that she has no opportunity of meeting congenial men here without seeming to overstep the bound of propriety.

"Now, I wish I could offer some solution to this girl's problem of loneliness, and of despair on the man question, but I cannot. This is because I am a working girl myself, and am, therefore, despairing over the same problem. But I have thought about the matter a great deal often, and more seriously, than I would have even my best friend know, and so, while I cannot solve the problem of how a working woman may meet congenial men in Washington, I may at least throw some light upon the subject.

"In the first place, there are no congenial men here to meet. It is said that somewhere in the Bible there is a verse about seven women clinging to the coat tails of one man. Well, I know that was a prophecy of Washington. The fact that this city has not the business interests of other cities keeps hundreds of men away from it. In New York, in Baltimore, in any other city on the globe, a wage-earning woman who is well born, intelligent and refined, may meet likable men who may, or may not be society men, but who are also well bred and clever, and who fill a girl's life with the indispensable friendship, flowers, books, and evenings at the theater without which the life of any feminine creature is a howling waste. But in Washington? It is not a case of seven women clinging to the coat tails of one man in this place, nor even a case of 15 to 1. There are at least 1,000 women here to every poor tired looking man who holds a position as stenographer or Government clerk.

"Another discouraging aspect of the situation is that the men in Washington who are really worth while as to social position and brains are public men who rarely ever reach here before they are bald headed and married. The first time I met one of these men here was when I was sent by my employer to talk to him on a matter of business. The man was delightfully cultured, courteous in his manner, and I could have wept for joy at talking once more with a real, live companionable man. In a few minutes he said to me:

"Pardon me, but may I ask how a woman like yourself ever drifted to this city, and came to be working as you are?" "I replied with some spirit that I had not drifted here, but that my coming was entirely premeditated, and that I was interested in my work. We became rather personal in our conversation, and when I rose to go I was horrified to realize that the man had entirely mistaken my frankness and unsophistication, or indiscretion, or whatever you may call it, for something else. He asked me if he could not meet me at some quiet cafe some evening for supper, and the way in which he asked it made my face flame. I replied quietly that I had not the pleasure of an acquaintance with his wife, but that if she ever cared to call on me, I would take pleasure in accepting an invitation to dine with them in their home, and then I saluted out of his office, feeling altogether miserable and hopeless.

"And that is the situation here.

### INDIFFERENT TO WAGE-EARNERS.

"The men in Washington whose companionship a woman of refinement would find congenial are public men who are either indifferent to a wage-earning woman, or who consider her friendship a matter of quiet suppers at cafes where she is not likely to meet the women of his family.

"And so, it is hard on the working girl everywhere, but it is hopeless here. If a woman ever wants to enjoy the attention of men, let her fold her tent and take the next train out of Washington, or remain here and find what solace she may in pretty sunsets and lonely pilgrimages to the Corcoran Art Gallery, or some other perfectly ladylike shrine.

"A READER."

Just why it is hopeless in Washington is the crux of the matter for I must differ with my correspondent who holds Washington devoid of interesting men. It is not the lack of men but the lack of opportunity for meeting men that the wage-earning woman must contend with.

Furthermore, she has as her deadly rivals the rested, cheerful, gay-hearted, care-free woman of privilege who has time to beautify her person and quicken her wits the while her wage-earning sister is busy with the problems that vex the business world. Other letters are coming in which show that this is at least a mooted question.

FRANCES CARROLL.

### BERMUDA ONIONS NOW IN MARKET

Old onions have become soft and have begun to sprout, but the supervisor of the household menu need not be without onions, since Bermudas are now in the market. Once upon a time Bermuda onions came from Bermuda, and that island still grows a large number, but probably the greatest quantity of Bermuda onions eaten in this country are grown in Texas.

The growth of the onion crop in Texas became noticeable last year, and this year it is even larger, and, in the opinion of commission men, the Texas product will eventually displace that of the island. The Texas Bermudas were grown from the same seed, but the difference of climate and soil makes a difference in the onion, which, however, is not considered detrimental to its quality.

### TO BAKE FISH.

When baking fish grease the pan well, then take a thick piece of brown paper size of pan, grease well and lay your fish on it. When the fish is done, the paper will come right off and can be burned up, and you have almost a clean pan, a great help for the woman who does her own dishwashing.

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### LONG COAT OF ATTRACTIVE DESIGN

#### Daily Fashion Talk.

By FRANCES CARROLL.

THE long coat nowadays is a necessity of one's wardrobe. It serves so many purposes through the fall and winter, and during the summer has an opportunity for further use as a traveling garment or as an adjunct to a morning outfit. Discreetly chosen as to material, color, and cut, one coat will serve a multitude of purposes.

The semi-fitted models have the preference with most women since they at once conserve to comfort and good looks. The greatest novelty in make-up concerns the collar and the cuffs, the former being usually of the long rolling type, and fashioned either of silk or of soft material topped with linen and touched with colored embroideries.

As for the linings they are usually of foulard, though sometimes when the cut material is monotone the lining is of a gaily colored silk. The modish garment pictured today is a model coat of novelty mixture trimmed with black satin piping with collar and cuffs of black satin.

### TOO MUCH TALK.

There is need both of less talk of nerves and less talk for them. What is more boring than incessant discussion on the subject of one's poor nerves? Nothing has been more overworked and it is time that it should be tabooed as a topic of conversation.

### NUT MEATS GAINING IN FAVOR

WHEN we read that 7,000,000 bushels of peanuts are consumed annually, and that our import of nuts, which forms three-fourths of the market supply, is so large that every steaming crossing the Atlantic, particularly from the Mediterranean, brings tons of them, furnishing a business that requires many millions of dollars to carry it on; that our own nut growers, while increasing their acreage of nut-bearing trees, can not begin to supply the demand, it is time for the American housewife to fall in line with the nut cult, which is surely gaining ground, both from hygienic and economic reasons.

According to nut growers the pecan is the coming nut, with a greater future before it than any other nut raised in the country. It is not many years since these delicious nuts were first introduced to the people of the earth; but wherever they have gone they have met with instant and cordial favor.

The pecan can be grown in practically unlimited quantities over a wide area of country.

Nut Meats in Favor. Being so nutritious as any kind of food it is not to be wondered at that nut meats of all sorts are gaining in favor as an article of diet.

### LITTLE IS REQUIRED FOR SPONGE CAKE

Success Lies in the Putting Together of Ingredients and the Baking.

Four eggs, one cupful of sugar, and one cupful of flour are all that is required to make a novel sponge cake. The "kick" is all in putting together the baking.

Beat the whites very dry and fold in the sugar, one-quarter of a cupful at a time. Add the yolks of the eggs, one at a time, cutting each in half with the cake beater, and cutting them into the whites and sugar so lightly that it will be streaked with yellow.

Cut the flour into the mixture in the same way and put in buttered pan and bake three-quarters of an hour in a very moderate oven.

When it is ready for the oven it should show streaks of flour and yolks. "Don't be afraid when you see it all streaked. It is all right then, but if you stir more you will wish you hadn't." If properly done the cake will come out of the oven feather light and golden within and lightly sugary without.

### SEAT FOR INVALID.

For the comfort of an invalid remove the feet from an old chair, pad back and arms. The seat can easily be slipped under the patient, who finds the unyielding back a restful relief, especially when eating.

### TO DARN WIRE CLOTH.

When darning cut a square from wire cloth about three inches on each side, larger than the hole to be patched. Pull out wires on the square, making a fringe about three inches wide. Bend fringe back, push through meshes of screen around the hole, and press down firmly on the other side. This method makes a neat patch, quickly done.

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### PUZZLERS PERSISTENT IN SPIITE OF FAILURE

#### Many Who Have Never Won a Prize Continue Their Efforts—Ladder of Fame Submitted by One of Contestants.

JUST as a wind-up of a very interesting contest, I am going to publish the aftermath of the week's output of correspondence.

One gets all sorts of letters and "meets" all sorts of persons. Now, for instance, here is somebody who has had more than a little ill-luck in his puzzle-chasing exploits:

Dear Miss Carroll: This is the first time that I have tried to solve the puzzle appearing in the Sunday evening edition of The Times. I hope that my list of answers is correct, for no matter how hard I try, I can never win a prize in any contest whatsoever. Therefore, hoping that this time my name appears in the list of winners, I am, yours sincerely, THOS. E. CLONNELL, 2126 First street northwest.

And as we go along, if you will permit me to say a word about my own personal misadventures, I must acknowledge that I have just about the same sort of fortune. Never once did I come near winning a prize in a puzzle contest and

once and only once I won a prize at a game and then Evil Fate pursuing me I lost the trophy en route to my home.

I merely mention this to show you all how I appreciate your cleverness and how I "glory" in your good fortune and in the exhibition of your quick wits. Here is a letter from a prize winner of recent date who in competition this week has submitted a "ladder of fame."

Dear Miss Carroll: The design of this cartoon has been worked out by a young friend whose facile pen needed only the suggestion from me that I wanted a sketch of the ladder whereby the Bard of Avon ascended to the Temple of Fame. If I have been so fortunate as to guess the characters so mysteriously veiled by the author of this puzzle, it will be noted that the list includes representatives from four of Shakespeare's historical plays, six of his tragedies, and all of his comedies save two. Perhaps the very difficulty of the ascent is largely responsible for the persistence of the theory that some one, seemingly more apt at climbing, is the real author of these plays. This has been a most instructive exercise.

Allow me to thank you for the check received today as first prize in the missing-word contest. Truly yours, CHAIRMAN SUMNER DAVIS, U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, April 13, 1910.

I wish you all could have had a peep at the solutions as they were turned over to the "proper authorities" for the awarding of the prizes. Such clever presentations and such beautiful work really is a pleasure to go over.

Meantime, let me end the week with the remark that the new puzzle problem will appear as usual in the Sunday evening edition of The Times. So also will the names of the prize-winners.

Frances Carroll

### KEEP TEA TABLE READY FOR GUESTS

Just above the tea table of one hospitable woman, within easy reach and matching it in the matter of wood and finish, hangs a pretty cabinet with glass doors.

In this little cupboard the tea cups, sugar bowl and other hospitable furnishings are kept within easy reach. Whenever a cup of tea is to be offered to a guest, it is the work of a moment to lift them down.

Left on the table, the "tea things" become dusty and dingy even when the little people of the family or a boisterous pet of the beetle sort does not cause a downfall of china more interesting to the house mistress than the one effected by the European allies.

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