

The Newest Invasion of Women

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\$1,800 a year." He gasped when he thought of his own \$2,000. The next day he promptly corralled some friends, and his talk ran something like this: "Really a fellow can't afford to get married. Women have such expensive tastes. Now, take a woman that gets \$1,800 a year— Well, we can all guess what he said.

Not every woman, of course, cares to marry. To such, government service offers splendid opportunities. The vacation of thirty days each year, with many holidays added, afford her the opportunity to take long trips if so inclined. Traveling is expensive, but the assurance of a permanent income opens the door to her.

There is also the chance to engage in special studies, by properly arranging one's leisure. The officeholding women of Washington have been quick to take advantage of this opportunity. Since going with the government many of them have taken up university work and obtained degrees or have completed special courses in chosen subjects. Those who are musically inclined or have a taste for things literary find an ideal atmosphere at the nation's capital for exercising their talents.

In the departments a woman is brought into official and social relations not only with other women, but with men, from all parts of the country. The woman from learned New England comes to admire the men and women of the west, the girl from Dixie loses her prejudices when she dis-

covers the big warm hearts in her neighbors from the cold north. Every individual retains the traditions and lore of back-home days, these sweet unforgettables that are stored away and that make for character rich in strength, but the outward marks of speech and manner, the signs of provincialism, are soon lost in the spirit of America.

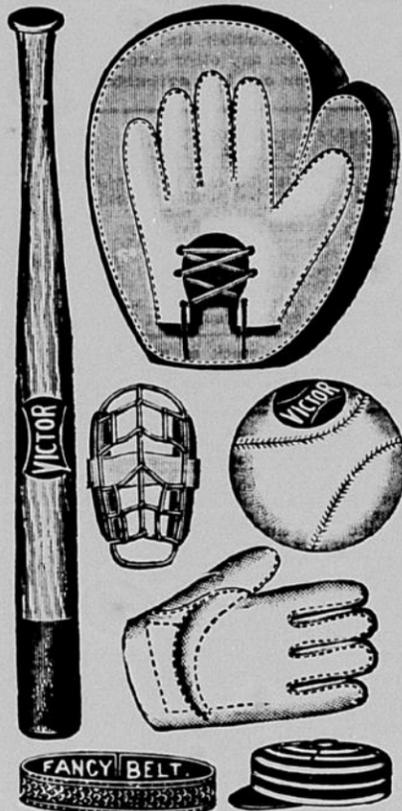
As to the government woman's status, there is little to say. Society everywhere is largely a matter of money, and the same rule holds true in the case of the average public employe. Except in the case of very high posts, office-holding does not entitle one to social recognition. The social life of the department woman does not differ greatly from that of other working women. She observes the demands of her own set, makes calls and receives them as her time permits, attends the church of her choice, engages in such amusements as interest her, and may become affiliated with philanthropic or educational organizations. One thing she lets pretty thoroughly alone, and that is the suffrage problem.

Woman deserves a great deal of credit for gaining such a stronghold upon the public service. She has proved that she can do things. But she must do more. Her work is only begun. She must push her way into new branches of the government. There are thousands of positions that can be filled by her quite as well as by a man. Instead of the seven per cent of positions that she now holds, she should look forward to 25 per cent of them. And to win further recognition more than words is needed. Preparation is the secret of her success. She must specialize to such a degree that when a call is sent out to fill a difficult position it would be folly to refuse her proffer of services. Such prejudice as still exists against her as a public servant she must conquer. And she is doing this, thanks to her grit and good common sense.

The field is broad and daily growing broader, and the plums are certainly worth clubbing for. Moreover, there is a satisfaction in knowing that you occupy a station in life that is far above the officeholding woman, whether she be engaged in a minor grade of work or in filling an office that pays several thousand dollars a year. In either event she finds much to interest her. Instead of hearing shop talk about stocks and steel and land values she is in touch with the big questions of the day. She is a unit of the government, and sees and feels the pulsating life of a great nation.

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Man Not a Meat Eater By Nature

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fit for grinding grain than tearing flesh. He is better adapted to climbing trees for fruits and nuts than to taking prey. He is as well equipped for living upon any other diet as meat, unless it be upon grass. His teeth are not suited for grazing and his stomach is not large enough in proportion to his size to enable him to subsist upon a food so little concentrated as grass.

But if meat is an economic food in a wild country, where there is an abundance of game and few hunters, it is an expensive food in a highly civilized or thickly populated community. Pound for pound meat has a greater food value, perhaps, than any other natural food. But that which is required to produce a pound of flesh will sustain life longer than will the pound of flesh after it is produced.

For instance, the amount of flesh that can be produced from the product of an acre of land will not sustain a man so long nor so well as the quantity of grain and vegetables that can be produced on the same acre. So that when the population increases to a point where it is a question of making an acre of land sustain a life the greatest length of time, or sustain the greatest number of persons for a given length of time, to go through the meat-making process is a costly one.

That accounts for the fact that the people of such countries as India and China are vegetarians. They have had to give up flesh, not, perhaps, because they were not fond of it, for they are constituted with the identical organs with which other peoples are constituted, but because they found they could not exist in such great numbers unless they ate the food direct from the soil, without wasting it by sending it to the table in the round-about way of a sheep or cow or hog.

It was natural, too, that vegetarianism should have become a part of the religious customs of those countries that were forced to adopt it. The priesthood, if such it can be called, was the law making body. Whatever reforms were worked out, whether dietary or ethical, came through the organizations that now answer to the name of the church. It is reasonable, therefore, to suppose that at some time in the dim past when flesh as a food became so scarce that only the wealthy could afford it, that some wise old leader, to console the less fortunate ones who had been driven to a diet of rice, decreed the uncleanness of flesh, and pronounced maledictions upon the head of him who would slay an animal.

It is not necessary to show that man can and does subsist upon a purely vegetable diet. There are today more millions of people in the world who do not eat meat than who do, and for thousands of years the tribe of vegetarians has been increasing quite as rapidly as the clan of meat eaters.

Nor can it be argued that meat gives strength or virility to a race. It is true that the meat-eating Anglo-Saxon has made greater progress of late centuries than has any other race; that he has worked out a higher civilization; that he has accomplished the most stupendous tasks, but the fact remains that in the last great war which the world has seen, the ponderous meat-eating Russians did not display such

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power, or endurance, or strategy, as did their rice eating opponents. But let us trust that it may be many hundreds of years until the people of this country are driven to a vegetarian diet, although the present agitation against the consumption of meat will have its effect in hastening the day. For while man is not naturally a carnivorous animal; while he has only acquired the appetite for flesh and can get along without partaking of a morsel of it, the chances are that even Ceres herself, the goddess of the grains, would have enjoyed a juicy steak.

Wonders of the Human Body

By EDWIN TARISSE

ABOUT four-fifths of the human substance is water, wherein are held countless trillions of separate living particles. Indeed, the fat of one's body is of the nature of a fluid, and it becomes solidified only when the body has cooled in death.

The fat of the human frame is one of its most important and necessary constituents, inasmuch as it is a kind of non-conducting sheath to protect one from cold and acts, also, as a pneumatic cushion to guard against shock.

The blood of the body weighs one-thirtieth of the weight of the entire body. The whole of the blood passes through the heart nearly twice in a minute. It moves at rates of speed varying from ten feet to 1,000 yards (nearly one mile) an hour.

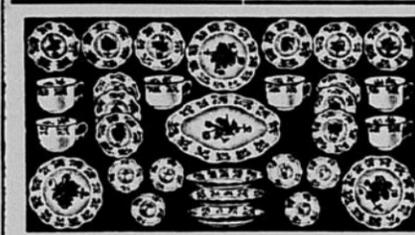
There passes from every man's brain through his skull into his scalp a tiny artery that acts as a safety valve should the brain become congested with blood.

One's skin cannot grow again, once it is destroyed. The surface layer, it is true, may renew itself, but should the whole thickness be seriously injured, it never reforms—a curious fact, inasmuch as bones, muscles, nerves and blood vessels, all of which are less liable to injury than is the skin, may easily be repaired.

It has been estimated by some painstaking scientist that on the average man's body there grow about 310,000 hairs. At the rate of one per second, it would consume twelve eight-hour working days to pluck them all out.

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