

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

Two Women Naturalized at Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. Cleveland's Visiting List. High Honor to a French Nurse. Something About English Women. Feminine Gold Hunters. A Piazza Cushion.

At Worcester, Mass., April 2, for the first time in the history of the central district court, two women appeared among the applicants for naturalization papers. They were bright, intelligent, womanly young women, sisters, Joanna and Nellie Donahue. After witnesses had testified the applicants were duly sworn by Clerk Thayer, forswearing all allegiance to her majesty Queen Victoria, ruler of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. The women took the oath with an air of being thoroughly impressed with the responsibility of the step they were taking, and then, with their witnesses, stepped up to the desk of Clerk Perry and affixed their signatures to the necessary documents, after which they left the courtroom secure in the consciousness that they possessed all the rights at present granted to women in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Cleveland's Visiting List. Mrs. Cleveland's visiting list is both peculiar and instructive. It is the biggest one possessed by any woman, but as etiquette releases Mrs. Cleveland from the necessity of returning or making any call the size of the list never troubles her. Former administrations never concerned themselves about what sort of books were used, but for Mrs. Cleveland very handsome ones are secured, and a new one is started once in six months. The book she prefers is about 12 by 14 inches in size, has flexible covers of fine brown seal and is gilt edged. The work is done by the ushers, and every three days the names of all callers are put into it with the date of the call. One column is devoted to the interesting information of which callers were lucky enough to be "seen," or the unhappy "not seen."—Washington Star.

High Honor For a French Nurse. There is probably no honor in Europe more esteemed or which is granted to more deserving people than the ribbon of the Legion of Honor of France. Its possession almost always implies heroism, patriotism, self sacrifice, intellectual power or some quality or group of qualities to which we all look up. It has just been awarded to Sister Agnes, the head of a nursing institution at Brest, the famous naval headquarters of the French republic. Sister Agnes is a nun who has devoted all of her religious career to nursing the sick and wounded, and more especially those of the French navy, that came to her port. She possesses remarkable professional and medical skill and is said to have saved hundreds of lives by her tireless exertions.—Paris Letter.

English Women. Women are strange beings, and there is no accounting for their tastes. The loveliest queen that France ever saw surreptitiously kissed the ugliest man in her dominions while he lay asleep. John Wilkes, who was the antipodes of an Adams, waded that in the race for a woman's affection he would, with half an hour's start, beat the best looking man in London, and in the highest society of Saffronhill it is well known that the most eligible candidates for the favors of young marriageable ladies are organ grinders who can boast a wooden leg.—London Telegraph.

Feminine Gold Hunters. Misses Anna K. Wells, Eugenie Armstrong and Maggie Farrelly of Ellensburg, Wash., left Tacoma March 21 to seek their fortunes in the goldfields of Alaska. These young women, who have been schoolteachers, have in their outfit a small sailboat, in which they will make the trip up the Yukon river to Forty Mile creek, a distance of over 1,700 miles. Miss Farrelly's father has been in the goldfields of Forty Mile creek more than a year and sent for his daughter. The other girls were eager to seek wealth and so joined her.

Mrs. Fowler's Mail Route. Mrs. G. M. Fowler has secured the appointment of overland mail carrier between Millport, O., and Gavers post-office, a distance of 17 miles. When this route was advertised for sale, Mrs. Fowler put in a bid with a large number of competitors, and her proposition being the lowest she was awarded the contract. She will be obliged to make the round trip daily, Sundays excepted.

Significant. In England women's tuition of small boys is being specially advocated. This has not been usual, as it is with us, so that the recommendation in the new educational code that "in boys' schools, with the special approval of the department, a woman over 18 years of age, approved by the inspector, etc., shall be recognized as an additional teacher," is significant.

New Hampshire's Delegates. Mrs. Charles H. Sawyer and Mrs. Daniel Hall of Dover have been appointed by the governor and council to represent New Hampshire upon the woman's department of the Cotton States and International exposition at Atlanta, next September.

THE NEW WOMAN.

Of the new fashioned woman there's much to be said. Her hair is cut in a style that is not only becoming but also practical. Her dress is simple and elegant, and she is not afraid to wear a man's hat, like his cravat, his shirt and collar and a' that. And a' that, and a' that. His suspenders and cuffs and a' that. But do what she can to imitate man. A woman's a woman for a' that.

A Piazza Cushion.

For piazza use at a seaside cottage, where sunshine and sea breeze abound, nothing can exceed the appropriate love-liness of the "sea dragon pillow." It is made up in the usual size—18 inches by 18 inches square. The covering is of sea green satin, that reproduces in effect the very sheen of the water in sunlight. The design upon the face of the cushion is a sea dragon drawn in exquisite curves and sweeps, and wrought in silver and gold Japanese cord couched down, with white and yellow silk thread. The embroidery sparkles and glints from the green background. A five inch double ruffle of satin, overset with a four inch fall of fish net spangled in silver and gold, completes the tout ensemble. This design will recommend itself in cheaper stuffs, green crepon or denim, or a fish net and little fishes about in water hues may be readily drawn upon the material and worked in, in Japanese gold and silver cord, and couched into place.

Classically New.

Any bodice is now put in style by the addition of a fluted front of black chiffon enriched by bands and lines of jet. These fronts are cleverly made to fit close to the figure under the arms and along the front half of the armhole. When adjusted, they appear to be a part of the bodice worn. A high solid jet collar and a belt over which the front drapings complete the accessory. The woman with a handsome throat will do well to adopt the fashion of having the top of her gown finished, not with a high collar, but with a scolloped design of gold or jet. A really classic effect is given thus to any gown, and nothing so emphasizes the beauty of the throat and the set of the head. A belt that will serve to make the waist seem small can be made with a pair of spreading loops set out from either side of the center.—New York Advertiser.

Wellesley Girls.

Wellesley girls show no diminution in their fondness for aquatic sports. There has just been shipped from the works of a Connecticut boatbuilder a fine eight foot long, intended for the use of the class of '97. The barge is described as 15 feet long, 3 feet beam, and is constructed throughout of Spanish cedar, lay streaked, with copper fastenings. The fittings are made up of patent roller slides, swivel rowlocks and adjustable foot braces. It resembles like a racing boat, but it has not been built for that purpose, as the students are not permitted to race on the lake near the college, but it is safe to say there will be some pleasant and not too slow spins taken in the new barge.

Remains to Be Seen.

The women students in the university at Ann Arbor, Mich., are getting themselves into hot water by wearing their bicycle bloomers in the house. Of course the issue was to be expected. Everybody knew it must come, for girls who once enjoy the freedom of this debatable costume are bound to try it under other conditions than skimming over the ground on a bike. It remains to be seen if Ann Arbor is equal to this strain upon its ethical taste, or whether the professors' wives, who champion the innovators, are to come out second best in this merry fight, which may extend eastward.—Boston Herald.

She Braved Criticism.

Lady Harberton's suggestion that female servants be the women of all others to wear knickerbockers, as such costume facilitates movement, seems to have been adopted in at least one case over the water. A very new woman in such reform dress recently rode through the streets of London accompanied by a nurse, also in knickerbockers, and a small infant in long clothes at the moment, but whose future attire, whatever the sex, may be set down as sure to be knickerbockers, under such mothering and nursing.

The Box Plait.

The box plait has positively attained to the dignity of the keynote of the season. Not only is almost every blouse and skirt arranged in this fashion, but the latest sleeves are set into the shoulder seam in box plaits. Sometimes the latter, instead of starting from the shoulders, are carried up to the neck—a style which can hardly be considered becoming, but which may commend itself to those who, like the Athenians of old, are ever athirst for novelty.—New York Recorder.

New Jersey Up to Date.

In New Jersey the governor has signed a bill admitting women to the practice of law. The bill was presented by Assemblyman Drake of Jersey City on behalf of Miss Mary Philbrook, who secured the names of 300 lawyers in its favor.

Which Won the Prize? Three students of the Ecole des Beaux-Arts, Marseilles, were talking in a cafe. "My dear fellow," said one, "I painted the other day a little piece of pine wood in imitation of marble so perfectly that it sank to the bottom of the water." "Pooh!" said another. "Yesterday I suspended my thermometer on the wall that holds my 'View of the Polar Regions.' It fell at once to 20 degrees below zero." "That's nothing," said the last. "My portrait of the marquis is so lifelike that it has to be shaved twice a week."—Boston Woman's Journal.

Altogether Ungallant. "It takes some women a long time to say 'goodby' to their friends," said the man who disobeys the "don't talk to the gripman" sign. "Yes," replied the cynical genius of the levers. "If it took them as long to say 'yes' when a man proposes to them, there would be a terrible lot of old maids in the world."—Washington Star.

Slipped Her Mind. Dimpleton—I heard this morning that Robinson was lying at the point of death. Didn't you say you met his wife down town? Mrs. Dimpleton—Yes. Dimpleton—How was he? Mrs. Dimpleton—She wanted me to match some silk, and I forgot to ask her.—New York Herald.

While You Wait. "What I like about your boss," remarked the caller who was waiting to see the head of the firm, "is that you always know where to find him. And he calls a spade a spade." "Yes, and he calls us paid when we ain't half paid, too," grumbled the office boy.—Chicago Tribune.

Optimistic Calculation. "Well," said the good natured man as the friend of former days left the room, "I'm \$4 ahead on that transaction." "Why, he borrowed \$1." "Yes, but I thought he was going to ask me for \$5."—Washington Star.

Preferred the Uncertainty. Johnny—Doctor, if I was to ask you whether it's going to hurt or not, would you tell me the truth about it? Dentist—I certainly would, my boy. Johnny—Then go ahead and pull it without telling me.—Chicago Tribune.

Infallible Prophecy. Hobbes—We're going to have chilly, rainy weather for at least two weeks longer. Bobbety—How do you know that? Hobbes—I've just got my new spring overcoat.—Chicago Record.



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