

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

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Mrs. Celia Beau. Mrs. Cleveland in Demand as a Writer. Gentlemen Housekeepers. A Code of Honor for Women. Mrs. Mary E. Holmes.

Mrs. Mary E. Holmes, who was recently elected president of the Equal Suffrage association of Illinois for the tenth time, has been in active work as an educator and reformer for many years. She was for several years a teacher and always took advanced grounds in introducing the latest and newest methods. She taught in Peoria, Ill., and in Berlin and Oshkosh, Wis.

Mrs. Holmes and her husband, Rev. D. E. Holmes, were members of the first faculty of the Oshkosh Normal school. A failure of Mr. Holmes' health made a change to a business life a necessity, and Mrs. Holmes widened her sphere of usefulness by beginning the reform work that has occupied so much of her time for the last 30 years. Her home was in Galva, Ill., where her husband was engaged in the lumber business until about three years ago, when the family moved to Chicago to obtain better educational advantages for the children. Mrs. Holmes was for some years a temperance worker and was su-



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perintendent of the franchise department of the Woman's Christian Temperance union of Illinois. She was a member of the "government reform" committee of the woman's branch of the world's congress auxiliary, and also represented the National American Suffrage association at the World's fair as the committee from Illinois.

Mrs. Holmes is also an active member of Plymouth church and has a large Sunday school class of men and women, which meets in the auditorium of the church. She is president of the industrial school connected with the church. But the greater part of her time and strength has been given to the development and elevation of woman. She believes that woman should be enfranchised that she may represent the home. She has great confidence that mothers would legislate in the interest of family life. She expects women to eventually purify politics and make the world a purer and sweeter place in which to live. To do this she believes woman must have the opportunity to express her convictions of men and measures in the only way possible in a republic—by the ballot box.

Mrs. Holmes has seen the equal suffrage sentiment grow from indifference and scorn to respect and popularity since she has been president of the state association, and she believes that the present interest is the beginning of the end.—Chicago Post.

Miss Cecilia Beau. Philadelphia is a pupil of the Academy Julien, and she there came under the instruction and influence of Bougerein, Constant, Tony Roberts and Carolus Duran. Her technique is, as might be supposed, entirely French, suggesting strongly the methods of Carolus Duran and of Sargent, but her individuality has triumphed over all suggestions of her foreign masters, and the combination of strength and refinement in her work is all her own. All portrait painters know how difficult it is to catch the rapidly fleeting expressions on the face of a child. Quick and accurate must be the brush that fixes such fast flowing variations.

A good example—called Ernesta—of Miss Beau's ability in this direction was exhibited at the American artists' exhibition of 1894. The little face tells its own story. With suddenly aroused curiosity, which you instinctively feel is but a passing phase to be changed with the quick in consequence of the baby brain, the child would rush forward, but is held in check by the strong hand of the nurse, of whom only one arm and part of the apron are visible, and yet so well are these handled that the pose of the unsexed woman is perfectly indicated.

In a not very long career this artist has had her share of honors. She has held four times the Mary Smith prize awarded by the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts. She won the Norman Dodge prize at the National Academy of Design in 1893. In the same year she was elected a member of the Society of American Artists. In 1894 she was made an associate of the National Academy of Design, being the only woman who is a member of both associations.—Peter's Magazine.

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behalf of charities or enterprises of this nature, all more or less worthy doubtless, but which, if acceded to in each case, would keep the spare time of the president's wife pretty well filled, to the exclusion of everything else, says an exchange. Occasionally there comes a request from a magazine asking Mrs. Cleveland to write upon a special subject, but to each and every offer, even those of the most flattering description, a refusal is returned.

Mrs. Cleveland writes to her friends, and that is the only way in which her signature is ever to be found attached to any bit of handwriting of her own. These letters are generally brief and to the point, as in the nature of things it would be impossible for many lengthy letters to be written by the mistress of the White House, especially when, as in the present case, there are constant demands made upon her time and thoughts by two young children in addition to the official duties necessarily devolving upon the wife of the president.

The largest offer ever made to Mrs. Cleveland for an article to be written by her was after she had been married about a year. One morning at the breakfast table she opened a letter from out of which fell a check for \$500. This was from one of the leading magazines in the United States, requesting that she accept the same in payment for an article desired from her pen. She returned the check with a brief note.

Gentlewoman Housekeepers.

The millennium of the housekeeper has come when she is promised a real, live gentlewoman to "brush the hearth and put the plates away." A new society has been formed for the elevation of the cook stove, not that it is to surrender its old place in the basement—at least that has not been promised—but that its operator shall be lifted to the same standing, social, economical and professional, as a professional nurse.

In order to accomplish this, to establish a standard of gentility from the beginning, it is the purpose to exclude any one who has the unhappy preparation of a "previous condition of servitude." She is promised to "mildly," in all the virginal purity of the reduced gentlewoman, who has "never had to work for her living before."

The society has begun life with the name of Society of Gentlewoman Homemakers. It offers prizes in the way of badges of honor to the first 100 gentlewomen who take positions in families as homemakers.

The society will have a cooking and training school for the benefit of those who know something of the work, but are not entirely competent. "Women's work for women" is the motto of the society, and to all who send a request it will issue a list of proofs which will convince the most skeptical of ambitious women as to the desirability of woman's work over business. By this means it expects to rid the long suffering housewife of incompetent cooks who demand high wages, and provide her with a jewel of a cook who traces her ancestry back to the colonial dames. The new society means business.—New York Herald.

A Code of Honor For Women. A discussion has lately arisen respecting a code of honor for women. The advanced woman needs one. If she is to compete with men in men's work she must adopt the code which men have found effective and practical. She must learn to hold her tongue, to respect other people's business, other people's secrets, other people's letters. She must not pry, or tell white lies, or do little mean underhand actions. In fact, a man's honor must be a woman's. This will necessitate a complete change in woman's prejudices, opinions and conduct. For while in quiet heroism, in steady performance of duty, in unselfish sacrifice, even in moral courage, women bear the palm, they decidedly have not that keen sense of honor, that conviction that certain courses, not necessarily wicked per se, would be accounted dishonorable, which possesses the soul of a public school man.

Women are too apt to be Jesuitical and justify the means by the end, to gloss over slips and errors of judgment and small unfairnesses so long as the result is good. They are much harder in their judgments, or fickle in their households, narrower in their prejudices, than men who have seen the world and learned to respect others' liberty and others' individuality as much as their own. A keen sense of honesty will certainly strengthen and beautify women's character and probably make them easier to live with. Whether it may alter other vital qualities of their nature remains to be seen.—London Graphic.

HOW TO MAKE SALADS.

A Spendthrift, a Miser, a Lawyer and a Madman.

A spendthrift for oil, a miser for vinegar, a barrister for salt and a madman to stir it up. Let all ingredients be of the best. A salad served at dinner as a separate course, or with the game, should be of the crispest, tenderest lettuce (the Romaine variety being the most palatable), celery, bleached chicory, tomatoes, cucumbers sliced, corn salad, oscurule and watercress. These must be cold and dressed with oil and vinegar.

These salads are greatly improved by the addition of a few fine herbs fresh and green and should never be garnished. All epicures insist that you mix the salt and pepper with vinegar and not with oil, pouring the oil on afterward in generous spoonfuls.

Salads of cooked vegetables are not perhaps so delicate and alluring as those

composed of the fresh and succulent treasures of the kitchen garden, which are gathered, "innocent and green," but they are nevertheless piquant and delightful and make a very decorative addition to a luncheon or a supper.

These may be served either with a French dressing or mayonnaise. To make a perfect mayonnaise the dishes and utensils should be thoroughly chilled. It is safer for an amateur to use the yolks of two eggs than one. These should be rapidly whisked with a wire spoon for a moment or two, and then the oil should be poured in steadily, drop by drop. When the sauce thickens, add a little vinegar or lemon juice, and then more oil until the desired quantity is secured.

A French cook can combine some bits of cold meat, a vegetable or two, a chopped chevil, one or two chives, dress it with mayonnaise, and, lo! the "dying anchorite" would, indeed, be tempted. Mayonnaise is, by the way, the basis for a number of sauces.

The juice of boiled parsley colors it green, and pounded lobster shell reddens it coral.

Tartar sauce is mayonnaise made with tarragon vinegar and with the addition of capers, a little chopped pickle and a slight flavor of chives.

Another excellent sauce is mayonnaise mixed with chopped cucumber or grated horse radish.

When cold fowl or meat is used in a salad, it should always be dressed with oil and vinegar before the mayonnaise is added. These salads may be garnished beautifully with hard boiled eggs, crimson radishes, curled parsley, nasturtium leaves and flowers.

There is a certain charming description of a blue violet salad where the stamens vied gleamed like sapphires on the bosom of the snowy calve.

His Fruits Shall Follow.

The books say well, my brothers. Each man's life

The outcome of his former living is. The bygone wrongs bring forth sorrows and woes;

The bygone right brings bliss.

If he who liveth learning, whene woe springs, Endureth patiently, striving to pay His utmost debt for ancient evils done

In love and truth away—

If he shall day by day dwell merciful, Holy and just and kind and true, and rend Desire from where it clings with bleeding roots, Till love of life have end—

He, dying, leaveth as the sum of him A life count closed whose ills are dead and quit,

Whose good is quick and mighty, far and near, So that fruits follow it. —"Light of Asia."

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