

WOMAN'S WORLD

WOMEN BRAVER THAN MEN IN THE FACE OF DANGER.

Woman Suffrage Abroad—Taxation Without Representation—About the Choice of Presents—Men's Idea of Womanliness. Hints About Dress.

The thrilling story of the deadly peril of the unfortunate German steamship, the Spree, has been brought here in all its awful details by the passengers who arrived on the Etruria within the week. It will be remembered how, after the shaft of the great liner broke, and the stern compartments filled with water, the ship laid for two days rolling in the trough of the sea in momentary danger of sinking. Even after being taken in tow by the Huron the danger was by no means averted. It was the first hours of awful peril of instant death that most tried the heroism of the passengers, and in that terrible period and the subsequent long suspense the women displayed more fortitude than the men. This is the unanimous testimony of those who have arrived safely, as given in the papers.

One of the statements runs as follows: "Of the many hundred people on board expecting the ship to sink every moment there were only a few who lost their heads or showed cowardice, and of these few the majority, shame to say, were men. These few showed all the weaknesses of cowards. They wept and cursed and made a rush for life preservers. They held on to those which they secured and even slept on them."

Rev. Dwight L. Moody says: "It is absolutely true that the women were calmer and braver than many of the male passengers."

Mrs. Blanche Moeller corroborates these statements. She says:

When the lifeboats and rafts were being made ready the women demonstrated more courage than the men. Many of the men, as soon as the crash came, seized the nearest life preserver and thought only of their own deliverance. They also clung to them during the entire two days of trial and carried them wherever they walked. The women, on the other hand, in many cases walked calmly around the boat without a life preserver, and when the boat began to sink they made it known that they thought more of the welfare of others than they did of themselves.—New York Letter in Boston Woman's Journal.

Woman Suffrage Abroad.

Millions of intelligent women in the United States will be interested in the woman's suffrage movement that is now taking place in England and in France. In London woman's suffrage and woman's work are questions that are being pushed to the front, and it is reported that a woman's suffrage bill will shortly be introduced into the house of commons. In fact it is the intention of Viscount Wolmer, who is a Liberal Unionist and member for the west division of Edinburgh, to do so, and it is thought that the bill will receive 150 votes from Conservative and Liberal members.

It is true that Mr. James Stuart, who is a member of parliament and who presided at the Woman's Suffrage society, which met in London lately, took a wet blanket view of the prospect and did not hold forth much hope of the bill being passed. He pointed out that since the exclusion of the Right Hon. James Stansfield from the ministry there was actually no one in the Liberal government who could be relied upon to advocate the cause of woman's suffrage as it ought to be advocated; that there was no member of the party who could absolutely be depended upon. He might have added that since the death of John Stuart Mill no one has arisen in Great Britain capable of espousing the cause with such invincible logic and stirring eloquence as that remarkable thinker.

About the very same time when this question is being urged in London the advocates of woman's rights in Paris have been represented by an association known as "La Solidarite des Femmes." This association intends to petition the chamber of deputies to amend the bill of arbitration now under discussion that in the same question relating to women women shall be the arbiters. This is going a great way in the direction of giving to women those privileges for which a highly intelligent proportion of their sex has long been battling.—New York Home Journal.

Taxation Without Representation.

It will not be forgotten by those who are trying to change the constitution of New York by a legislative measure of justice to women that some idea of the amount of unrepresented taxation may be gained from the "List of American Millionaires," published this year in the New York Tribune, and also in pamphlet form, carefully corrected.

The number of millionaires in New York city, whose names are given, is 1,108. Of these 181 are women. This means much less than \$181,000,000 of taxation without representation, for many of these women are owners of many millions. One is mentioned as having inherited \$40,000,000 from her husband. Mrs. Hetty Green is another, who inherited millions from her father, millions from her aunt, and who has increased her millions enormously by judicious investments and by the strictest economic methods. No one can guess the number of her millions. It would be very safe to say that \$500,000,000 of property is owned in New York city by women, who are taxed for this enormous sum every year, and who are totally unrepresented among those who have the spending of these taxes—taxes of which the most ignorant foreigner and the most ignorant native may have the disposal.

This estimate has been very carefully made and carefully revised and corrected for another purpose, but it might serve as an object lesson for those who think that because many women have husbands and fathers and brothers who look after their interests there is no need for women to have the ballot—forgetting that in this republic every citizen should have equal rights with every other citizen, and that no one should be deprived of those rights except for infamy, idocy, insanity, imbecility or criminal conduct.—Sarah Freeman in Woman's Journal.

About the Choice of Presents.

"I'm always sorry," commented a woman...

man the other day, "to see the crowds around the handkerchief counters at Christmas time. I'm reminded of a dear old aunt of mine, whom I once asked, as I was saying goodbye before going on a journey, what I should bring her. 'Anything, my dear,' she replied, 'with a twinkle of her shrewd blue eyes; anything but handkerchiefs. I have all of those I shall ever need.' And she opened a bureau drawer to show piles of neatly stacked squares growing yellow with disuse.

"People in a quandary for a small gift fall back on the handkerchief prop, to the disappointment, I'm sure, of nine-tenths of the recipients. I'm a staunch believer myself in the frivolity of Christmas. I try to make my gifts bits of incongruous extravagance to those who receive them. I once sent a box of expensive toilet soap in a lovely satin finished box to a poor, plain old maid who lived alone and made boys' trousers for a living. The notion was suggested to me by a chance use at my house of a perfumed cake whose fragrance, clinging to her hands she commented on in a pleased way. Months afterward she told me nothing had ever done her more good than that box of soap. I believed her. She couldn't express it, but its use conserved a certain aroma of dainty living about her that probably helped her through tedious days.

"The true spirit and dignity of Christmas to me are the uplifting, for one glad hour of the year, of these groveling souls of ours, in pursuance of which belief I bought this year a copy of Tennyson, in the daintiest binding I can find, for a romantic young woman of my acquaintance, who, I am sure, needs stockings."—Her Point of View in New York Times.

Men's Idea of Womanliness.

The Listener could forgive women, in view of the history of the sex in our civilization, for so long believing themselves to be intellectually and physically inferior to men, but he finds it hard to understand why, in the light of the intuitive sense which has certainly always been a characteristic of their sex, women did not all along perceive that what they were calling "womanly qualities" were simply men's notions of womanly qualities—simply the ways in which women which pleased men because they flattered their strength and confessed their authority. No doubt there are certain ways of action which may be said to be fit for and appropriate to women and certain other ways which are properly characteristic of men only, but to ascertain what these ways and characteristics really are one must go a little deeper than the conventional notions of one sex with regard to the other, especially when those notions are clearly traceable to the vanities of either.

This old notion about the unwomanliness of abounding physical vigor, and especially of athletic proficiency in women, is an illustration. Because certain men—say a majority of men—liked to see women's dependence upon men always confessed, and consequently regarded pallor, weakness, tears, wasp waists, slightly stooping shoulders and infantile simplicity as appropriate to women, it came to pass that women at length regarded real physical excellence as unwomanly! Well, having got over this delusion, and having begun to take in the idea that their own notions as to what is womanly may be quite as good a guide as men's, there is no telling what further transformations may take place.—Boston Transcript.

A Woman and Her Money.

Here is a short story from a French newspaper: When Mme. Boudin, cook in the service of a doctor named Fourrier, in the ancient town of Seisson, won a prize of 200,000 francs in connection with the city of Paris loan in 1883, she thought she was the happiest woman in the world. Subsequent events have led her to modify this view to some degree. To begin with, she had a husband who had deserted her, and who, directly he heard of the strange turn of fortune's wheel, tried to avail himself of the deficiencies of French law, which knows no married woman's property act, to obtain the sum for his own sole and exclusive benefit. Then another claimant turned up in the person of a former employer of Mme. Boudin, a M. Dogny. The winning certificate, he said, belonged in reality to him. He had bought one, he said, for her, but it was another one, and his wife had handed her the wrong document.

The woman's husband having died, his heirs agreed to accept one-half the prize, while M. Dogny agreed to compromise his claim for 20,000 francs. This left 70,000 francs for Mme. Boudin, with interest, for the litigation had gone on for years. Even now, however, the law courts have not done with the matter, for M. Dogny has just been arrested on a charge of making a fraudulent claim, while a lawyer named Mougis is being prosecuted for embezzling 15,000 francs of the share belonging to the heirs of Mme. Boudin's husband.

Dressing Up Young Boys.

"I do not at all like this modern fashion of incasing a child's legs in stiff leggings," said an old fashioned mother. "It cannot fail to destroy freedom of motion and must consequently more or less impede the circulation. The discarded woollen leggings were far preferable in my opinion, but best of all are warm hand knitted stockings without any leggings at all. Everything about the child's clothing should be as warm and light as possible. Young mothers are very apt to incase their little ones like mummies, putting on additional layers of clothing when they go out of doors and making them so unwieldy that they can hardly walk, much less romp and play.

"Instead of taking the trouble to change the ordinary house garments for thicker ones of the same number an additional heavy flannel garment is drawn on, into which everything about the upper part of the legs is stuffed, while from the knees down stiff leggings complete this modern suit of armor with which mothers seem to endeavor to stunt the growth of their children. If every intelligent parent would study this question of clothing young children and reducing quantity, weight and compression while insuring warmth and adequate protection, I am convinced that there would be fewer delicate children and far less danger during the winter of colds and respiratory troubles."—Philadelphia Times.

Miss Helen Gould's Wealth.

Miss Helen Gould's inheritance makes...

her, probably with one exception, the richest young and unmarried woman in America. The fortune of Miss Garrett, daughter of the late president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, is larger than Miss Gould's, but a part of Miss Garrett's fortune has been made by her own business sagacity. Mr. Gould did not follow the example of most of the other creators of great fortunes in this city by giving the bulk of his estate to the sons and a comparatively moderate portion of it to the daughters. Miss Gould is abundantly competent to take care of her interests, for she inherits some of her father's business quality, although in disposition she suggests her mother. She is now richer than any of the daughters of William H. Vanderbilt, and very much richer than any of the Astor girls.—New York Press.

From the Kitchen to the Stage. The latest singer enshrined in Paris favor is Marie Delna, twenty-one years old. She was engaged to wait on table in a provincial restaurant, and often beguiled the tedium of dishwashing by singing. One afternoon an impulsive diner cast aside his knife and fork, and rushing into the kitchen embraced the young woman enthusiastically. The dishwasher dropped song and plates, and seizing the stranger's beard cuffed him soundly. His ardor somewhat dampened by this reception, the gentleman explained that there was a fortune in her voice. Thereupon Marie dried her hands and signed a contract with him. The enthusiast took her to Paris, placed her under good training and has recently introduced her with success to Paris connoisseurs.—Paris Letter.

She Leads the Hunters. It is interesting to note how the jokes of one generation become the facts of another generation. Years ago John Leech drew a famous picture in Punch representing a matronly feminine Marlborough as a future mistress of hounds. Sure enough she is here. Her name is Lady Irene Hastings, and she is mistress of the Huntingdon Harriers. Instead of being the forbidding grim horsewoman of John Leech's picture, this feminine M. F. H. is young, pretty, dashing and wears the most fetching of costumes. No woman has yet taken to driving a coach, but it appears that Lady Georgiana Curzon is an expert in tandem driving, and a drag has just been built for four ponies and for a woman's use.—New York Evening Sun.

The Labyrinth Party. The "labyrinth party," which is a form of entertainment now somewhat in vogue, is merely a modification of the cobweb party. Prizes are attached to cords and hidden in various places, the cords being then passed in and out, back and forth, in tangled confusion, ending finally in big wooden spoons attached to the chandelier in the main parlor. The guests begin with the spoons, winding the cord on them as they are able to extricate it, until the prize end is unearthed. In addition, honor and booby prizes are awarded to those who respectively are quickest and slowest in threading the labyrinth.—New York Telegram.

Mr. Gladstone's Wish. Mme. Adele Crupay's essay on "The Danger of the Emancipation of Women" is being translated and will shortly be issued. In a letter from Mr. Gladstone to the authoress the premier said: "You have called to life new thoughts in my mind, but I shall not be able to carry them into effect. I wish your essay could be put within the reach of the men and women in my country by appearing in their language."—St. Paul Globe.

An Appeal to Theater Going Women. The management of the Tremont theater, of Boston, has inserted the following notice in the play bills: Will you aid the management in its work of hat reform? Wear a small bonnet or remove your large hat during the performance. The theater is well heated and protected from drafts. Respectfully and gratefully, Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau.

The Poet's Devoted Daughter. Mrs. Ralph Waldo Emerson's death draws attention to two facts—her unmarried daughter's beautiful devotion to her blind parent these many years and the undisturbed condition of Mr. Emerson's study since his death. In fact the whole house and its furnishings have undergone little change in a decade.—New York Press.

The woman fortunate enough to possess handsome emeralds is in great good fortune, not only because the brilliant stones promise speedily to become very much used in jewelry, but also because their value is liable to increase even beyond that of diamonds.

Forty years ago Oberlin admitted Antoinette Brown and Leticia Smith to study in its theological department, an innovation so radical that even liberal Oberlin, whose charter secured to women the right to study in all its departments, was fearful of results.

To celebrate the christening of her only daughter and her own thirty-fourth birthday the empress of Germany gave 100 sets of baby clothing to the maternity homes in the empire.

Real Cause of His Grief. "Yes, I dabbled in futures once," said the man in the mackintosh reflectively. "What?" inquired the man who had his feet on the table.

"No. And it wasn't corn or oats or barley or mess pork or potatoes or chips or whatstones. It was broom corn. I thought there was money in broom corn."

"Put much money in it?" asked the man in the shaggy ulster.

"More money than judgment," sighed the man in the mackintosh gloomily.

"How much did you lose?" "I lost \$50,000 I had hoped to make out of the deal."

"Was that all?" "All! No. I lost \$18,000 I had borrowed from friends!" "Have they got it yet?" "And that wasn't all!" groaned the man in the mackintosh, unheeding the interruption and wiping his eye furtively with the corner of his handkerchief; "I lost \$57.65 of my own money!"—Chicago Tribune.

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AN EPISODE.

In that splendid royal garden Where Catherine de Medici Plunged with sycerer and warden Under the voluptuous trees; Where, to honor regal women, Rows of storked statues stand; Where the wisdom of a senate Shapes the edicts of the land, Little children, bright and pretty, The delight and joy of man, Charm the scene with daisies and ditty In that gay Quarter Latin. I was sitting there, enjoying, On a shady rustic bench, All that obdurate mirth and toying With the great bard of the French; Silent, smiling, e. elids winking, Tacturn—and dare to say: At that moment he was thinking Of the dead Adèle Foucher, How they played in youth together At Jardin du Luxembourg, How at last, in sterner weather, They were lovers, rich, yet poor; How in dovetail accents cooing, Breathing sweetest phrases, He had done his deathless wooing Under this benighted tree.

Lo, a loving pair are coming! 'Tis a student and his bride, Softly love's enchantments humming As they loiter side by side. The birds pass from the bushes, Sing and chatter and divine, Why these deepening, rapturous blushes, Maiden, tinge that cheek of thine. See, the poet's eyes are turning To a little rift of blue, As if through the clouds discerning What the grave had veiled from view. With a smile whose peace reassures On that grand, that godlike brow, "Hark!" he murmurs, "ere it closes, Quick, Adele, remember 'treat' thou!" —Charles Sterk.

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