



THE NEW WOMAN
BY ELIZA ARCHARD CONNER

One of those brilliant young southern women, of whom there are many, should write the life of the late Elizabeth Van Lew of Richmond. Opposed though she was to the cause of the Confederacy and bringing to bear all her force and talent against it during the civil war, yet quite apart from any political consideration Elizabeth Van Lew was one of the most remarkable women the south ever produced. The hidden chambers and passageways in which in wartime she concealed Union soldiers, the openly secret nooks and holes in which womanlike she kept letters and dispatches from Grant undiscovered under the very eyes of Confederate detectives who watched her continually, made of the old Van Lew mansion a historic castle of romance and mystery. There alone, ostracized and disliked, Elizabeth Van Lew lived more than 35 years, from the close of the civil war till her death. Hers was a career fuller of thrilling, dramatic incident than that of the hero of the play "Secret Service," and in her case the scenes were real. In the final act of the great war drama at Richmond she was more help to Grant than all the rest of his private agents together. Mark the sequel: After the war, as in some measure a reward for her invaluable aid, the Richmond postmastership was given to Elizabeth Van Lew. If she had been a man, there is nothing the United States government would not have done for her. The best of its consular places, the fittest of its appointments at Washington, would have been open to her, for she had more nerve and ability than nine-tenths of its officials. While Grant was president she kept her place as postmistress of Richmond. General Grant never deserted his friends. But after his time the office was taken from her to be bestowed on a white male voter. Dark days fell upon Miss Van Lew. Piece by piece she sold the family silver and rich belongings, acre by acre she mortgaged and parted with the fair inheritance her father left her, and not a soul in the north cared a jot whether she starved or fed. She died neglected and poor. Thus it is to be born a woman.

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The blase girl leaned back in her comfortable Morris chair and stifled a yawn. "So you went to the Van Suthphen crush last night," she remarked. "Well, how did you like it?"

The debutante frowned. "I think it was the most ill bred crowd I ever was in," she answered.

"Ill bred? Why, my dear child, you were associating with the cream of polite society!"

"They stared at me as if I was a strange animal, and I distinctly heard



HER IMPERTINENT LOBNETTE.
one matron say, 'Who is that insignificant little girl in white?'"

"And did you hear the answer?"

The debutante blushed. "Yes," she admitted. "I was wedged in among a lot of people, and I couldn't get away soon enough. The other one answered: 'Oh, she's just come out. Mother's an old school friend of Daisy Van Suthphen. They don't amount to anything, though—poor as church mice.'"

The blase girl put her feet up an inch higher and laughed unpleasantly. "Just like the dear creatures," she sneered. "Wonder what they'll say when your old aunt dies and leaves you that tidy little fortune of hers. I don't think you'll be 'that insignificant little thing' then, but 'that stately and beautiful heiress.'"

"I didn't know more than half a dozen people, and they sent me in to supper with a man old enough to be my grandfather, and he talked to the woman on my right all the time."

"All the best men had to go to the helresses, you know, my dear."

The debutante made a tragic little gesture. "Betty," she exclaimed, "you made use just now of the term 'polite society.' What do you mean by that?"



HER FLIPPANT HANDSHAKE.
The blase girl clasped her hands over her head. "My dear girl," she drawled, "I'm one of its shining lights."

The debutante gave a hasty and somewhat scandalized glance over the room, which resembled a boy's den, with its collection of arms and armor and its boots and riding crops scattered

GOLFING COSTUMES.
Some Suggestions as to Attire for Outdoor Wear.

[Special Correspondence.]
NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Those who think golf is or ought to be over for this season should have heard some girls on the cable car today. To see their breezy, wind blown hair and their flyaway capes and to take note of the shinny sticks would have made any one believe that golf is immortal and does not die. Neither do its devotees every weary of it. Once—only once—did I ever see a game of croquet, and that set me against all kinds of outdoor games, and if I sometimes say things not orthodox about golf I hope those who do like it will pardon me, for if I



THE GOLFING GIRL'S SUIT.
do not care for such games I do at least like the dresses and capes and jackets and the hats and the shoes and also the bright and brisk, ready for anything expression on the faces of the golf girls.

The needs of this game have been productive in working what some call reform in dressing for out of door sports, for it is not so very many years ago that it would have been a screaming farce to see girls try to play this game and hold up their skirts so they could move at all. Now see the neat and natty short skirt, the mother of the sensible and pretty rainy day skirt, and that made especially for pedestrians. The skirt is short and wide enough, yet not too full, and is cut so that it hangs to perfection. It is quite fully ornamented by several rows of stitcheing, and it fastens so that nothing short of an earthquake could tear it loose. It has no ugly and irresponsible placket to come open, but just an opening in front which is fastened with invisible buttons, and there are pockets set where they are the most needed. Some of the golfing skirts are plaid, and others are in plain stuffs. It is difficult to say which are the prettier, for tastes differ. The walking skirts are, I think, more refined in rough surfaced plain stuffs. There is such a choice of them that no one need go without just what she likes best. The rainy day skirt need not differ from the others at all, for the material offered especially for the rainy day is as far as appearances go exactly like the other goods, only this has been rendered waterproof by some kind of treatment while the wool was yet in the yarn and undyed. This process is called cravenetting, and it is put on everything now, even capes for mourning and some silks. It is said to be done by electricity, but no woman cares what the process is so long as it gives her cloth just as handsome as any in the market, with all the best colorings, at the same price. This makes a garment absolutely impervious to water, and as it has not been made so by rubber it does not smell like those horrid abominations, mackintoshes.

The swiftest of the new golf suits may have a cape in regulation style, but the body is fitted with the smartest of snug habit basques, with tiny tails in the back, and there is a vest of figured wool stuff in vesting cloth. The jacket is of some warm and solid material and is finished like any jacket, with close tailor stitching, and lined with white or very light cloth, and this is stitched with black silk as closely as possible. There are cuffs to match. Inside the vest is a chemise, and to this a high collar and a mannish tie. The collar and cravat are made of silk and are very stylish.

Can we leave the golfing girl without saying a word about her hat? No, or at least I cannot, for the hat is the top-knot of all the costume. Just now the rikkittiki is the very swiftest of all, and what is not said in praise of those knowing felt hats, with their bright and pretty scarf or dotted or plaided silk, would not make much of a book. Felt hats made double and stitched together in the same close lines as those in the decoration of the rest of her suit are the very best of all. These are seldom bound and have the crown dented in, and the drapery of the surah design is preferred. The Persian designs are much liked, and so are the plaids. The one in the illustration is of felt stitched and trimmed with a stiff self drapery and bow with ends.

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CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

Proceedings of the Stockholders of the Houston River Canal Company, Limited, Held at Their Office in the City of Shreveport, La., on November 6th-7th, 1900.

All notices having been previously given to the stockholders of the said company, and the said meeting having been advertised, as required by the existing laws. The stockholders convened at the office of the company, at the appointed time, representing more than three-fourths of the entire stock of the said company, and organized by electing Geo. E. Tustener, chairman of the meeting, and W. A. Hunter, Jr., secretary.

The following resolutions on the proposed increase of the capital stock of the corporation was offered by S. A. Robertson, and duly seconded by J. H. Tustener, which resolution was as follows to-wit:

"That the capital stock of the Houston River Canal Company, Ltd., be increased from (\$500,000) five hundred thousand five hundred dollars to (\$200,000) two hundred thousand dollars, paid up capital."

The said resolution was duly adopted. The number of stockholders voting therefor was six, and the number of shares voted for the resolution was four hundred and eighty-five shares. After the said resolution to increase the stock was duly adopted by the said stockholders the following amendment to article five (5) of the charter was offered by S. S. Hunter and duly seconded by S. A. Robertson, to-wit:

"Be it resolved, etc., that article five of the charter of the said company be amended to read as follows: 'The capital stock of this company is hereby fixed at Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, divided into Two Thousand shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars each, and in all other respects the said article remains unchanged.'"

The said resolution was duly adopted, six of the stockholders voting therefor representing Four Hundred and Eighty-Five shares of the capital stock of the company. W. H. HUNTER, Jr., Secretary.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Caddo. I have examined the foregoing amendment of the charter of the Houston River Canal Company, Ltd., and find nothing therein contrary to the laws of the state, and accordingly approve the same. This November 30th, A. D. 1900. JOHN B. LAND, District Attorney, First Judicial District of Louisiana.

(Endorsed) "Filed and recorded, November 29, 1900." F. A. LEONARD, Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Caddo. I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original act, as the same now appears on file and of record in my office. Given under my hand and seal of office this 30th day of November, 1900. F. A. LEONARD, Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder. Dec. 2.

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