

## The New Woman and Her Progress

**I**N 1897 Mr. Fred Rekate went from Portland, Ore., to the Klondike to make his fortune. He worked awhile at mining, saved money, then opened a butcher shop in Dawson. In 1899 Mrs. Rekate joined him. Next he sold his shop in Dawson, and he and his wife went into mining. They bought a claim and fitted it with steam machinery. At first Mrs. Rekate cooked and did the housework of the cabin. Then she became so interested in gold digging that she accompanied her husband into the shaft 340 feet underground. She wore bloomers and rubber boots, so that she could work. She learned to run the engine, wash gold and do every part of the regular work of a miner. She became so expert that finally she labored in the mine altogether, hiring a cook and housekeeper at home. Success came to the plucky pair, and at length they had \$40,000 clear in dust and nuggets. They decided to "go outside," as it is called in the Klondike, and take a rest and visit Mr. Rekate's parents in Germany. Mrs. Rekate departed two weeks before her husband to prepare for the journey. The husband followed with the \$40,000, taking passage on the steamer Islander from Skagway. The ship was wrecked, Mr. Rekate went down in her, and with him went the \$40,000, lost forever. With the news of his death appeared a former wife, claiming his estate on behalf of her son. The claim was mostly worked out, but there was some gold in it. The second wife went back in the dead of winter to the Klondike, had an administrator appointed for the property and herself began to work it again for all there was left in it. She knew exactly what to do to the last particular, so she got a considerable amount out of it. Then she made an amicable arrangement with the first wife on account of the boy, gathered up what she had left, a neat sum, and at the beginning of cold weather this year returned to civilization. After a rest she goes back next season to start in over again and find fortune.

Obstacle is another name for opportunity.

The college bred woman is entering into business and showing how it ought to be conducted. Two college women partners, Misses Stevenson and Elliot, established some time since a laboratory kitchen and model bread baking establishment at Cambridge, Mass. They use the new bread mixing machine invented by Mrs. Lydia Coale Sharpless and have demonstrated to their own profit the "economic possibilities of breadmaking as an industry for educated women," which is what they started out to do. Two other college girls went into the laundry business in Brookline in 1898. They had six assistants when they began. Now they are running a really artistic laundry and keep sixty persons busy all the time.

A muddy complexioned fat woman in a black silk dress is not beautiful.

Men usually scoff at "mental science," so called, yet a husband not long since wrote a long letter to a "healer" appealing to him to give the writer's wife, without her knowledge, "absent treatments" to make her obey him, the writer. Amusing creatures, men are.

The woman who has trained herself to be silent and who holds steadily to her purpose is the woman who wins. Keep your mouth shut.

Girl college students ought to study the natural sciences in preference to dead languages. Especially useful and inviting are the departments of biology and organic chemistry.

Miss Violet Oakley of Harrisburg has obtained the order to decorate one of the rooms in the new state capitol of Pennsylvania.

Lately in New York a middle aged woman died at whose funeral folk said admiringly, "She was the mother of twenty-five children." "But how many of them are living?" asked the only thinker in the lot. "Only seven," was the answer. "No wonder!" remarked the thinker.

The woman who keeps her mouth shut is the woman who is storing up power, not wasting it.

Women's clubs are being forced into the consideration of suffrage for their sex. They cannot dodge it. The Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs has endorsed by a great majority the bill to give taxpaying women in the state a vote on all matters and officers connected with taxation.

Miss Wold, a teacher in the high school of Eugene, Ore., is a thorough biologist and analytical chemist.

Private employment agencies in some of the large cities are swindling women right and left through advertising. They lead a woman to conclude they have employment for her and that she will get it very soon if she pays them a dollar. She pays it, and that is the last of it. The superintendent of the New York state free employment bureau reports that some of these agencies gather in \$150 a day.

ELIZA ARCHARD CONNER.

### A MOTHER'S DUTY.

**She Generally Neglects the Same She Owes to Herself.**

"I'll tell your papa on you when he comes home; see if I don't!" The voice was harsh and irritating, and I turned to look at the woman to whom it belonged. Her hair had not been combed that day and her jaws were tied up because of toothache. Her teeth had gone to pieces because she never brushed them or put them in care of a dentist. Her shoes were unblackened and untied and run over at the heel, her stockings wrinkled down about her ankles, and her gown and torn apron—my, how dirty they were! Three little children were about her feet, two of them twins. (I wonder why it is that women the least fitted for controlling and training children always have the most of them?) The infant she was trying to discipline was a puny thing of three years. She could have made it obey with a very little patience and firmness, but she was absolutely too good for nothing to attempt to exercise them. It would not be the truth to call her weak, for plenty of power was there; she simply would not bestir herself mentally.

Come to think of it, isn't it a wonder that the human race is as well off as it is with so many mothers like this one?

I looked ahead a little into the woman's future, and my prophetic soul read her finish. I saw a female creature old before her time. Her husband never appeared in public with her if he could help himself. Her children despised, defied and neglected her. She was a mere beast of burden for her family.

In my mind's eye I see her now going on an outing with her young ones. They are "dressed to kill" except that they are not overclean. The little girls are belaced, beribboned and beruffed. She herself wears a rumpled old hat, a cheap black skirt with grease and mud stains upon it, and it gapes horribly at the pocket hole behind. (I wonder again why this style of mother always has her dress skirt bulging and gaping open behind?) The habit of leaving her stockings loose and slovenly and her shoes untied or buttonless has grown on her till now when she "dresses up" she goes away from home with them in the same condition. Her hair is gummy and not properly combed, and the habit of slovenliness has reached the point where she merely throws a black skirt on outside of her unclean everyday gown, and the bedraggled facing shows below.

Fine picture she makes, does she not? Yet she thinks she is a devoted mother because she never cleans herself up and because she never has anything decent to wear. She really has picked herself to the bone to clothe her offspring in the present overdressed, ostentatious fashion for children. She calls that self sacrifice!

Suppose now that she had had some respect for the dignity of womanhood and motherhood. She would have known that for a mother to display weakness before a child is to make the child despise her. She would have known, too, that the greatest mistake a



"I'll tell your papa on you!" mother can make is to sacrifice herself to her family in all that makes life worth living. Such sacrifice is never appreciated. On the contrary, those for whom it is made come to regard it as only their due, and they can never get enough of it to satisfy them. Suppose that this slattern mother had always dressed her children cleanly, but very plainly, and had put the time she gave to furloughing them up on keeping her own person neat and tidy, likewise devoting a sufficient amount of it to gently but firmly making them obey her when it was necessary to give them a command. It is not often really necessary if a mother has good sense. Children are extremely sensitive to outside appearances, and they adore a mother who keeps herself clean, neat and pretty.

There, too, is the dignity of wifehood. The slatternly, picked to the bone mother's husband married her when she seemed to him a pretty, tidy girl, one whom he chose from all the world to make his and her home. She cannot preserve his respect—how can she?—unless she always strives to look well in his eyes after marriage, unless she shows him she has the strength to control her children and manage the household. He may help with the family discipline when called on, but his respect intellectually for the wife who thus calls on him will cease from that moment.

KATE SHARP.



The Scientific American publishes an interesting account of Stanley Spencer's recent thirty mile flight from the Crystal Palace, London, and also gives a description of the new airship in which the Englishman's ascent was successfully made. The balloon follows the torpedo shaped construction made familiar by Santos-Dumont, but has more blunt ends. Consequently it has not the graceful lines of its French predecessor. The frame which bears the aeronaut and the machinery is constructed of bamboo held taut by piano wire. As seen in the air, it bears some resemblance in its proportions to a skeleton canoe.

Three long strips of bamboo run the length of the frame and are kept in position by struts bound triangularly, the base of the triangle being horizontal. The frame is slung from the bag by fine ropes. The principal fea-



STANLEY SPENCER'S AIRSHIP.

ture of the construction is the position of the propeller, which is placed at the bow of the ship instead of, as is usual, at the stern. The inventor considers that the effect of this innovation will be to enable the ship to hold a more even course.

The motive power is supplied by a small petroleum motor swung in the forward end of the frame and firmly bound in position by piano wire. A small cylinder to feed the engine's water jacket is fastened just over the engine. Directly below the engine is the condenser. The fuel tank is fixed to the upper bamboo, but further aft to shield it from the motor flames. A thin rod of steel, the engine's shaft, runs forward to a gear wheel, the axis of which is the propeller shaft.

Toward the stern of the balloon is the aeronaut's stand, inclosed in netting. Behind him is the rudder, a large quadrilateral sail suspended by ropes between the ends of the balloon and the frame. The construction places all the mechanism except the rudder directly in front of the navigator, an obvious advantage in cases of sudden emergency.

The propeller itself is the design of Sir Hiram Maxim, who is an enthusiastic follower of aeronautics. It is double bladed, built of thin strips of carefully selected pine, weighs twenty-eight pounds, is nearly nine feet long over all and a full four feet at its broadest part.

#### How to Write on Glass.

To write on glass moisten the surface with strong vinegar and write with an aluminum point. Small particles of the soft metal are left adhering to the glass, and the writing is fairly permanent. Or take one to two parts of silicate of soda mixed with eleven parts of liquid ink, using a steel pen. The pen should be wiped after using.



An ingenious invention which has been successfully experimented with in several collieries in Lancashire, England, bids fair to add greatly to the simplification of coal mining, says the New York Times. Under existing conditions the coal after it has been undercut is "brought down" by an explosion of gunpowder. The new device brings down the coal by water power exercised through a hydraulic cartridge and obviates the wasteful shattering of the fuel.

Made of steel, the cartridge is twenty inches in length. Along its sides are orifices, each of which admits of a pressure of three tons per square inch, the total pressure being over sixty tons. When inserted into the hole bored into the coal to be operated upon, the cartridge is connected with a small hand pump. In a few minutes after the apparatus has been at work the coal breaks up and comes down in great blocks. There are no clouds of dust such as are caused by the gun powder method, and the entire operation is carried out without the slightest danger to the workers. About one and a half pints of water are used in the operation, and as the liquid returns to a tank it can be repeatedly used.

Although the initial expenditure is greater, the cartridge method is much more economical than the system now in vogue. It reduces the cost of labor, prevents waste and secures rounder coal. One colliery proprietor who has adopted the invention for use in three mines computes that each cartridge saves \$75 per week.

### THE TOWN'S STREETS.

**They Should Be Well Paved and Neatly Kept.**

Well paved and neatly kept streets and sidewalks speak for themselves, and too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of having and maintaining them. The air of respectability and prosperity impresses the stranger within the gates and assures him that here is a town that is very much alive and even with the times, and this impression is never wrong. Parsimony in this respect is the antithesis of economy, and sooner or later the truth of this statement will be demonstrated.

No community can afford to bear an aspect of dilapidation and neglect that is foreign to the real state of affairs, and, in fact, very few do. We may take it as settled, then, contrary to the words of the song, that things are nearly always what they seem, especially when applied to the outward evidence of inward wholesomeness presented by smooth and well kept roadways and ample sidewalks of brick, flagging or asphalt.

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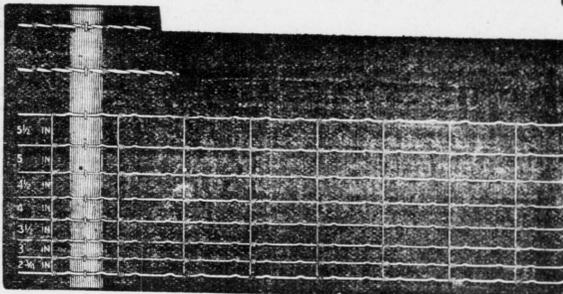
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