

FIELD OF WOMAN

The Wife of Peary, the Pole-Explorer—Mrs. Senator Hale at Home—An Organist at Eighty-one In London Town.

MRS. ROBERT E. PEARY, wife of the noted explorer, now an acknowledged discoverer of the north pole, is somewhat of an explorer in her own right—that is, she accompanied him on several of his arctic expeditions, going far enough to know something of the hardships which he has endured. Before her marriage to Explorer Peary she was Josephine Diehltsch. She became Mrs. Peary in 1888. One of the children of the Peary household, Annighito Peary, was born in 1895 in the far north while her mother was with her father on one of his expeditions. She was known as the



MRS. ROBERT E. PEARY

"snow baby," which appellation she now resents. Mrs. Peary is well known to all the arctic explorers and scientists and has always been enthusiastically interested in her husband's ambition. The Peary home on Eagle Isle, in Casco bay, is a picturesque gem that stands out well to sea and has been seen by thousands of tourists who have sailed among the islands of the bay off the coast of Maine. It was on this island that Mrs. Peary received the news of her husband's triumph. The news, curiously enough, was broken to her by the daughter who was born in the arctic. The picture of Mrs. Peary in this sketch is from the most recent photograph of her

An Old Fashioned Letter Writer.

Mrs. Eugene Hale as the wife of one of the senators from Maine has had forty years' experience in Washington society. She was not the wife of the senator all this time. But she was in Washington in the stirring times when her father was a senator, and he was the aggressive and picturesque Zach Chandler of Michigan. And she was with him then. Her experience in public life, her great common sense, some of which she inherited from her distinguished father, and her position as wife of the Pine Tree State senator, whose wealth is proverbial, gave her prestige in official Washington. The Hale home at the national capital is one of the sights of the city. With all her wealth and her social demands Mrs. Hale has disdained to employ a private secretary. She is a type of the old fashioned gentlewoman who keeps abreast of the times. She writes all her letters and even writes her acceptances of invitations that come to her from distinguished men and women. Her chirography does not indicate that her letters are written hurriedly. Her penmanship is beautiful and regular. She always has time to write an answer to any letter she has received. She is a methodical housewife. She knows just what she is going to have on her table for a meal, because she invariably orders every article that is prepared. In arranging for a dinner party she always limits the number of guests, for she believes that large dinner parties detract from the homelike atmosphere of which she is so fond.

Woman Organist at Eighty-one.

Miss Ellen Day is the oldest as well as the best known organist in London. She is a gentle faced old lady, with silvery ringlets peeping from under her cap. She plays the organ on Sundays in Christ church, Victoria street, Westminster, London. She is still young in spirit despite her years, and her touch on the keys is as light and as skillful as it was more than half a century ago. She met most of the great composers, and some of them were her personal friends. She has played before Mendelssohn, Liszt, Balfe and Chopin and at their homes. When Queen Victoria first came to the throne she heard of Ellen Day, the infant prodigy, and commanded her to play before her at Windsor castle. Miss Day—she never married—had hardly any musical training as an organist. She won fame as a church organist, and for more than twenty years she has in the evening of her life presided at the organ in the church.

MARCIA WILLIS CAMPBELL.

Friends of the Horses.

There is a society of young women in Washington that rewards any policeman who reports a case of cruelty to horses.

WOOL AND SILK IN STYLE.

Endless Variety of Materials For Gowns—The Pony Coat Again. One of the best and handsomest of the woolen goods now offered as new is called zibeline. This has a surface of slightly fuzzy appearance with longer hairs, that lie above the real surface of the material, and this is in a close cheviot weave. It looks so warm and substantial that it is desirable in any color, but in black it is peculiarly handsome. Zibeline is employed for full suits and is as fine for coats as for dresses. In the colors it makes admirable suits for the young. Little trimming is required, a few fancy buttons and perhaps a velvet collar being sufficient. And with a suit made of zibeline there may be a tricorne hat simply trimmed to match. This makes a distinctly novel and stylish combination.

While the woolly zibelines are very stylish, the new broadcloths are quite as much in vogue, and in some of the new season's colorings they appear to be of some new materials. There is a deep wine color, which is beautiful and makes elegant suits, and a sort of orange color that is not exactly like the burnt orange of other days, yet suggests it. I saw a very dressy and incidentally a very beautiful young lady in such a gown. It fitted tightly in the most advanced sheath shape and was trimmed with black cut jet buttons, a double row in the back below the waist line. There were two box plaits laid in the skirt portion in the back, held by the buttons. The rest was princess shape. A little fine brown soutache was added down the front of the waist and on the tight sleeves. With this was worn a brown velvet hat in the new Charlotte Corday turban shape. A brown feather boa added to the color combination.

The new silks are remarkable for their variety of material and weights. There are some superb rich silks and satins and also moires, quite as heavy and valuable as ever, but, on the other hand, there are numberless thin silks and satins, all having a shine and shimmer such as have never been achieved before.

Among the silks that may be called new is crepe de chine, moire or "watered," which is a novelty and very pretty. There is a long list of moire, mingled with some other well known and defined kind of silk; also bengal.



THE NEW PLAITED COAT.

line, peau de crepe, velours, Sans Gene, Messina crape, regence armure, silk voile, which is extremely pretty and showy, and several kinds of satin. Sifted out, we find glace or glazed silk and satins in all weights and the heavy ribbed silks known of old as reps, but now called velours, and the closely woven honeycomb design or weave once called armure, now called drap de soie faconne. There are more, but all these have not displaced the soft kind of taffeta, especially the black.

Furs are now the need of the hour, and human ingenuity has been taxed to discover some new way of making them up to please the buyer's fancy. The long, slender Russian pony coats are quite as fashionable as last year. Caracal coats in all sorts of shapes are shown as novelties beautifully lined with heavy brocade and having great fancy jet or jeweled buttons or others covered with seal skin. Seal is always in fashion.

Many regularly shawl shaped capes, called shawls, are pointed in the back and reach below the waist, while in front they often reach the hem of the dress. These are of baum marten, fox, baby lamb and, in fact, all kinds of furs.

The newest coats are made with plaits laid in the skirts across the back a few inches below the waist line. Braid is essential as trimming for almost all coats, the preference being for soutache and flat silk from one-half to three-quarters of an inch wide.

OLIVE HARPER.

CORINNE RYDER KELSEY.

Highest Priced Choir Singer In the World.

The highest priced choir singer in the world is Corinne Ryder Kelsey, who receives \$4,000 a year from the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in New York city, for singing once every Sunday nine months in the year, according to an interesting article found in Hampton's Magazine. In her single person she is the whole choir, and the entire appropriation for vocal music goes to her. In addition, her outside earnings from concerts, it is claimed, bring her total income close to \$20,000 a year.

For the singer with ambitions the choir has usually been a stepping stone. Girls with more voice than means have been glad to accept a church position for the chance of being heard, with little more by way of salary than compliments and car fare. But Mrs. Kelsey chose her field deliberately because of its freedom from the disadvantages inseparable from the theater. She has sung in opera and knows. She was born in Rochester, N. Y., but early went west and received the grounding of her musical education in Chicago. Then she went to New York for further instruction. To help pay for her lessons she sought a position in a church choir and finally found one with the First Presbyterian church in Brooklyn. Within a year she was a concert star.

She resigned her position and, putting her earnings to still further study, went abroad. Merit and hard work won her a debut in London at Covent Garden in 1898. To most young women it would have seemed that she was on the threshold of her career. But Corinne Kelsey sat down to think over her situation. The beginner in opera, she knew, had a long wait for doubtful fame, certain competition with the best voices in the world, life without a home and all the whims of managers and jealousies of the profession to meet. So she decided she would go back to the old field she had left—the church—as a profession. It was a crowded field, but not with voices of her quality. The well to do congregation of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, gave her the appreciation she craved and had the means to gratify it.

Fascinating as her success seems and easily as it wears the air of having come, Mrs. Kelsey would be the last to advise another young girl to attempt it unless she were very sure of her voice and very confident of her presence. There are no rules, but if Mrs. Kelsey were to attempt to formulate one she would make it short. "Be sure," she says.

USEFUL DOMESTIC HINTS.

When ankles are weak they should be bathed every day with salt water and rubbed vigorously. Cold water bandages are also good for strengthening weak ankles.

If salt fish be required for immediate use, it will freshen much more quickly if soaked in milk. Milk that has turned sour will answer the purpose just as well as fresh milk. Fish scales can easily be removed by pouring hot water on the fish slowly until the scales curl, then scrape quickly. Wash in several waters, having the last cold and well salted, and no slime will be left.

To get rid of mice spread some mint leaves (or, if you cannot get these, a few drops of essence of mint will answer the purpose) wherever these pests are to be found. They are said to have such an aversion to the smell that they will not return.

In many homes where cheese is not an article of quick consumption it is often found difficult to prevent its getting hard and dry. This may be prevented by dipping a piece of butter muslin in vinegar and wrapping the pieces of cheese in it. It turns out quite nice and fresh even after the lapse of several days.

Lemons are useful in health and sickness. Lemon sirup made by baking a lemon twenty minutes and then squeezing the juice upon half a cupful of sugar is excellent for hoarseness and to break up a cold. Tie a piece of lemon on a corn at night for five nights, leaving it on all night.

Don't Interrupt.

One of the social tricks that a young girl must guard against is the bad habit of interrupting some one else's conversation.

This does not mean joining a group or a couple who are talking and entering into their conversation or calling one of the persons away from it.

It means never letting the other person finish a sentence. It is a custom more observed in the breach than the performance, and it is markedly impolite.

No matter how long a sentence may be or how eager you are to do something else or have your own say, keep quite quiet and let the other talker finish that sentence.

It will teach you self control, and this is in itself a great gain.

It will teach you courtesy, and this is imperative if you desire people to like you.

The Greatest Woman.

It is safe to say, observes the Boston Traveler, that there are no suffragettes in the town of Cawker, for here is a report of the Woman's Debating society:

"Who may rightly be said to be the greatest woman in history? The answer that was awarded the prize was this: 'The wife of a man of moderate means who does her own cooking, washing and ironing, brings up a family of girls and boys to be useful members of society and finds time for her own intellectual and moral improvement is the greatest woman in all history.'"

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The French in Cochinchina poured oil on the waters to prevent mosquitoes from breeding, and the natives skimmed it off to burn.

Small diamonds that used to be lost to the miners are now saved by passing the debris with the aid of water over a greased table. The grease holds the diamonds, while all other solid particles are washed away.

Household Hints.

Steel knives that are not in general use can be kept from rusting if they are dipped in a strong solution of soda.

Don't light the kitchen fire unless there is water in the boiler. If not, the rush of cold water is liable to crack the boiler.

Blankets need not be thrown aside when they become worn and shabby. Washed and put together in thickness of two or three, with a covering of pretty cretonne or dimity, they make very nice, warm quilts.

Always empty a teakettle after using, and before filling again with fresh water rinse thoroughly. In that way you avoid boiling possible germs over and over and also keep sediment from forming on the bottom of the kettle.

Flower and Tree.

Chaucer speaks of the daisy as the "eye of dale."

The biggest willow tree in Maine is the old willow at Norridgewock. The tree is about thirty feet in circumference.

The palm trees bear the largest leaves. The Inaja palm of the Amazon country has leaves which have a length of from thirty to fifty feet and a breadth of from ten to twelve feet.

The weeping tree of the Canary islands in the driest of weather will rain down showers from its leaves, and the natives gather up the water from the pool formed at the base of the trunk and find it pure and fresh.

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