

MAIDS AND BACHELORS.

THE FORMER CLASS OFTEN LONELY WITHOUT CAUSE.

THE KINDS OF OLD MAIDS.

Why the Number of Unmarried Women is Steadily Increasing—The Old Bachelor a Spoon With Nothing in It—What Amelia E. Barr Thinks Should Be Done With Him.

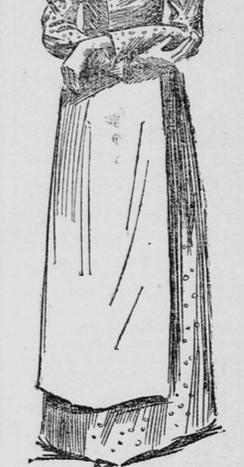
Correspondence of the Globe. [Copyright.] New York, Jan. 20.—Women for many years have devoted themselves for religious purposes to celibacy in all ages and countries of the world received honor, but those upon whom celibacy has been forced, either through the influence of untoward circumstances, or as a consequence of some want or folly in themselves, have been objects of most unmerited contempt and dislike.

Of course, there are many lovely girls who appear to have every advantage for matrimony, and who yet drift into spinsterhood. The majority of this class have probably been imprudent and over-stayed their market. They have dallied with their chances too long. Suddenly they are aware that their beauty is fading. They notice that the suitable marriageable men who hung around them in their youth have gone away; and that their places are filled with mere callow youths. Then they realize their mistakes, and are sorry they have thought being "an awfully silly little thing," and "having a good time" the end of their existence.

Closely allied to these victims of folly or thoughtlessness are the women who remain unmarried because of their excessive vanity—or natural cruelty. "My dear! I was cruel thirty years ago, and no one has asked me since." This confession from an aunt to her niece, though taken from a play, is true enough to tell the story of many an old maid. Their vanity made them cruel, and their cruelty condemned them to a lonely, loveless life. Close observation, however, among the unmarried women of any one's acquaintance will reveal the fact that it is not from the ranks of silly or cruel women that the majority of old maids come. Men do not, as a rule, dislike silly women; and, by a wise provision of nature, they are rather fond of marrying pretty, help-

people, and no one has sought them out. They have seen their youth pass away and all their innocent desires fade, and they have suffered what few can understand before they reached that calm which no thought of a lover troubles. Sweet faded flowers! How tenderly we ought to regard these gentle victims of those modest household virtues which all men profess to admire, but which few seem desirous to transplant into their own homes.

Another class somewhat kindred to this is composed of women who have never found their ideal, and have never allowed themselves to be inveigled by any other man those qualities which would elevate him to their standard. And these women again are closely allied to those who remain unmarried because they do not, and will not, conform to



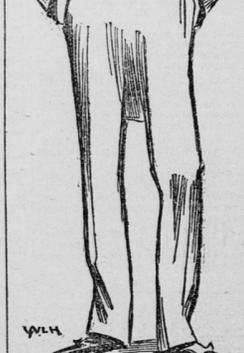
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These varieties of unmarried women are mainly the victims of natural peculiarities, or of circumstances they are not responsible for. But within the last generation the condition of feminine celibacy has greatly altered. It is a fact that women in this day, considered, and in the first glory of their youth, elect themselves to that condition. Some have imbibed from high culture a high conception of the value of life, and of what they ought to do with their lives; and they will not waste the days of their youth in looking for a husband in order to begin their work. Others have strong individuality, and refuse to give up their time into another's keeping. The force of character displayed by such resolutions naturally leads to celibacy. No one but a very weak man would be attracted by women of such vital potency; and weak men would not be tolerated by strong women.

The wise and the thoughtful will give such voluntary old maids the full credit of their purpose, for the generally will not believe in resolutions so much above their own consciences and intelligence. They will still sneer at their condition and refuse to admit that it is of choice. They will throw at them that wearisome old fable of the fox and the grapes, when they might more correctly quote Sappho's song of the ripe apples left on the topmost branches of the apple trees, "not because they were forgotten of the gatherers, but because they were out of their reach."

In accordance with the fresh development, we are told that the number of unmarried women in the country is steadily on the increase. But this increase will not be ranged among the silly, the weak or the cruel of the sex. It will come from that class of women whose eyes have been opened by the spread of education and refinement—women not afraid to work for them-



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Sanitary Work in Cities. The Women's Health Protective Association of Brooklyn opened a very pretty room at No. 204 Livingston street for its permanent headquarters last week with a very pleasant reception. The association is in a flourishing condition, having 500 members. It is the largest woman's organization in that city. The particular work for the winter will be to look after overflowing ash barrels, have barrels for refuse placed upon the public streets, and improper posters removed.

Nothing to Pay. On a two weeks' trip to Hot Springs, Ark., and return, leaving St. Paul, Minn., on starting point. The rate includes the cost of round trip tickets, good for ninety days if desired, dining car meals, sleeping car berths and two weeks' board at the Eastman, Park or Arlington Hotels at Hot Springs, Ark., all of this for \$100.00; that is, via the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway excursion which is to leave Minneapolis, St. Paul, Jan. 23, 1894. The trip will be via the Albert Lea Route to St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Hot Springs railroads. Information cheerfully furnished upon application to any agent of the M. & St. L. Railway, or C. M. PRATT, G. T. & P. A., Minneapolis, Minn.

Lifeline Acting. (Before the private theatricals.) Bessie—I feel awfully nervous. Blanche—Why, pet? Bessie—Will take the lover so fervently, and you know father and mother will be in the front row—and they don't like him.

GOLDEN RULE CONVINCING ACTS AND TELLING FACTS! Instead of Loud Newspaper Bluster!

Just fasten the Convincing Acts and Telling Facts we present today in your memory, and do your buying this week. It's like getting GOLD DOLLARS at FIFTY CENTS to get New Merchandise at our prices. The times may be hard and money scarce, but we are MORE THAN MEETING these undesirable facts by our present offerings. Our immense floor room was a scene of bustle and excitement last week—rare indeed, in these dull days. The reason is plain and palpable. We are giving the greatest values in Minnesota, and the people know it, and those that don't know it are fast finding it out. Bargains such as enumerated below cannot help but find purchasers.

New Wash Dress Goods. Never before was there such a complete assortment of entirely new WASH GOODS shown in St. Paul at this season of the year as we are showing at prices that keep competitors guessing how we do it.

BLACK DRESS GOODS. Another Great Bargain in Black Dress Goods that is sure to be a winner for Monday. Figured Poplins, Figured Melrose, Sebastopol, Diagonals, Whipcords, Henriettas, Ladies' Cloths, Erilliantines, Etc., 38 to 54 inches wide, none worth less than 85 cents, from that to \$1.25 a yard; your choice MONDAY, 58c.

BLACK DRESS SATEENS. 100 pieces plain Black Dress Sateen, 36 inches wide, advertised by others at 1 1/2c; we say for Monday only 61c.

FIGURED DRESS SATEENS. 200 pieces dark ground's with beautiful floral designs, small, tasty figures; one hundred styles to select from; advertised by others worth 1 1/2c a yard; we say 12c.

FIGURED PONGEES. Dark grounds with the most beautiful floral designs ever shown in Wash Goods; far superior in style to anything shown last season; most houses would ask 1 1/2c for same; our price 12c.

EVENING CREPES. Plain and figured; very best quality; retailed in the city at 25c; we say Monday only 19c.

Needle Art Dept. We will not supply the public who favor us with their patronage with superficial, disappointing goods or prices; we avoid all catch-penny devices to allure people to our store.

MEN'S FURNISHING DEPT. BEGINNING MONDAY, And for the rest of the week if the goods last that long, we will sell—Gray Wool-Mixed Under 35c wear for..... 35c

Is Your Sole on Earth? Worn out, most likely—and you don't know it—and yet you wear the same Shoes on the street, and at home—Never think to buy a pair of new ones, when we offer such TREMENDOUS BARGAINS in SHOES.

Ladies' Genuine Dongola Kid Button Boots, all solid leather, sold by all shoe stores for \$1.50. Our Sale Price for \$1.00. All sizes, except for Minneapolis girls' feet. 98c

Ladies' Fine Dongola Kid Button Boots, common sense or opera style, patent tip or plain toe; manufactured and warranted in every part by Wallace Elliott & Co. of New York, worth \$2.50. Our Sale Price..... \$1.48 All sizes.

Children's and Misses' Genuine Dongola Kid or Pebble