

# OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

## SOCIETY'S APRIL SMILE

## TREND OF LENTEN EVENTS IN THE TIME OF JOUJUND SPRING

## SIGNS OF EASTER AWAKENING

What is going on in the days that are beginning to be warm and balmy.

The John Ericsson school celebrated its ninth anniversary yesterday morning and afternoon. In the various rooms there was an exhibition of the pupils' work and a profusion of cut flowers, potted plants and flags made the rooms unusually attractive. Visitors were received by Miss Harriet E. Ruddy, principal, and the following teachers, who comprise the faculty: Miss Ellen Mabon, Miss Anna Malone, Miss Louise P. Roth, Miss Alice Shields, Miss Frances Nicoll, Miss Mary L. Smith, Miss Carolyn Allyn, Miss Alice

will return from California, Tuesday, April 12. Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips and daughter, Marion, of Rondo street, have gone to Neenah, Wis. Mrs. Ross Nicolls, of Nelson avenue, is expected home from California the middle of this month. Mr. and Mrs. Matt Clark, of Summit avenue, are in Chicago. Mrs. Henry Hutchinson, of Western avenue, will leave next Friday for New York. She will sail April 17 for Europe. Mrs. Hamilton, of Hague avenue, is entertaining Mrs. Chesterton, of Wintipeg. Mrs. Hutson, of Portland avenue, has returned from Madison, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. George P. Lyman, of the Virginia, are in Chicago. Miss Luella Hughton, of Dayton avenue, has returned from Madison.

## SPRING SALADS.

Dishes that are a boon to the housekeeper just now. At this season, when the housekeeper is hard put to it to find change and variety sufficient to tempt the jaded appetites of the family, salads are a boon. For one who uses a large quantity of fish during Lent the many fish salads offer an opportunity to escape tiresome repetition. The roe of shad or other fish can be arranged in tempting salad by boiling it

as well as to her younger sister, and that it sometimes offers advantages to the plain woman. In former articles dealing with the employment for women I have constantly had occasion to refer to the superior advantages possessed by a smart, good-looking girl, and while she is by no means handicapped as a successful typewriter the profession has a roomy niche for the spinster who has none of these personal advantages. The other day a man came into the office of a city firm of typewriters to ask for a woman secretary, adding the proviso: "Be sure you do not send me a good-looking girl."

"Typewriting, as a profession for women, has been increasing during the last ten years by leaps and bounds, and already we have the fair typist figuring in modern fiction, as the governess did in earlier decades. "The necessary qualifications for a girl who essays to become a professional typist and shorthand writer—for the two usually go together—may be briefly summed up as quickness of brain, neatness and order, dexterity of fingers, a thoroughly good all-around education and a knowledge of French and German. It is an employment which appeals to the educated class of women—those women who have an acquaintance with literature and such a knowledge of history and geography as will prevent her making a blunder such as came under my notice some time ago in the fair typist referring to the Armenian massacres, the typist transcribed them as 'American.'"

## INHUMAN LAWS.

### Against Wives and Mothers that Disgrace Statute Books.

New York Journal. In thirty-seven of these United States a married mother has no legal right to her children. In sixteen states a wife has no legal right to her own earnings outside of the home. In eight states a woman has no right to her own property. In seven states there is no law compelling a man to support his own family. Taking these things to heart, prominent women of this city have formed the National Legislative league, for the purpose of doing away with them. We hope they may succeed. If women who bear children, who nurse them in sickness, whose existence is bound up in babyhood, have no right to their babies, who on earth has?

It seems a strange fact that the remarkable legislators who passed this law in thirty-seven states were once babies themselves. Perhaps the curriculum of an incubator would have made them think and act differently. And why should not a wife have a right to her own earnings? What justice is there in that law which prevails in sixteen states which allows a recalcitrant and drunken husband to despoil his wife of the money she has earned? Who gave the small atom shaped after the fashion of Adam the right to oppress and bulldoze the little atom shaped after the fashion of Eve?

No less idiotic is the law prevailing in eight states which takes away the right of a woman to her own property after marriage. Thus the marriage law in these states may be made the vehicle of downright thievery by men who care nothing for the sanctity of a vow. Taken as a whole, the work of the National Legislative league have a mighty good basis of fact to work on.

## EASTER GIFTS.

### It Will Be Fashionable This Easter to Present Gifts to One's Friends.

Flowers, books and candy were the original Easter offerings, only within the last year or two has the Easter list included dainty trifles of other sorts. A floral Easter gift is always a happy one, and sure to give much pleasure. More flowers than ever will be given this year, judging from the large advance orders. A lovely combination of flowers for the purpose are lilies of the valley and violets, both of which may be had in great plenty at Easter time, the pure white, tiny bells of the lilies contrasting finely with the deep purple of the violets. Use either white or purple ribbon to tie the bunch, but white is a trifle better, as it comes in contact with the purple. Do not cover the stems with tin foil. A handsome new bonnet box on a rack to hang her Easter gown on will be appropriate gifts for your wife. A book will be an acceptable gift.

Nothing more pretty, convenient or useful than a "novel holder" can be found for Easter presentation to book lovers who like to keep their books new and fresh, or for the novel reader to slip over the back of a paper-bound book. Home-made ones may be of linen or silk, embroidered or not, as preferred, but most attractive ones are observed among the newest leather goods. These

built breastworks, batteries, etc. The Tae-Ping rebellion was one of the most remarkable of modern wars.

Shopping in Japan. Time is of no consequence to the Orientals, nor are they eager to sell. Their ideas of trade are very peculiar. You are compelled to ask them whether you can see articles after their stating that they have them in the store. Ten pieces of an article sometimes cost twice the time of one. They will not sell one hundred at a less rate, but insist on your paying extra because of the large quantity desired. They frankly tell you their price to Japanese customers, and then

dallion design are two of the most effective of the styles on view. Give the younger children sterling silver bib holders. These are composed of a narrow silver band, or chain, that goes around the neck. The ends are finished with ornamental clasps, a ball, a medallion, an animal head, chased or enameled, etc., that clips the bib and holds it in place.

## WOMEN IN WAR.

Half a Million in a Battle Near Nankin, China. People stand aghast at the reports of Boer women found dead and wounded in



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the trenches. There was another war some fifty years ago in which over 500,000 women took part, and they were as active as men in all military duties. They formed into brigades of 10,000 each, and had female officers. Ten thousand were picked for honor, drilled and garrisoned in Nankin. The rest dug moats and trenches,



A TAILOR-MADE SUIT.

As sure as April comes around. My ma begins to say: "It's gittin' warm; I'll have to buy my new spring hat today. You need a suit of clothes, my son. Some shoes an' things like that. But I guess you can wait until I've ma buys her spring hat."

## MA'S NEW SPRING HAT.

"Nen ma, when ma gets home with it. You order see him the things. She'll go in every store in town, and try on all they've got. She's other folks look at her hat. My heart goes pit-a-pat. To think of what the clerks must stand when ma buys her spring hat."

## CHURCH WAS CROWDED.

Entertainment by Colored Talent at Plymouth Congregational Church. Some of the best colored talent in St. Paul gave an entertainment last evening at Plymouth Congregational church, for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid society. The church was crowded, and the programme was in every way worthy of the large audience that gathered to enjoy it. The entertainment was given under the direction of Mrs. T. H. Lyles, who has done some creditable work along the line of musical composition.

## CHIVALRY AMONG ANIMALS.

They Will Rush to the Defense of the Young of Others. As a rule, no dog of size or courage will condescend to attack a smaller or obviously weaker dog, unless the remarks and actions of the latter become insulting beyond endurance. The little dog realizes this. So that it may almost be taken as a general rule that the smaller the dog the more quarrelsome and abusive he is.

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## THE FLIRT.

Turtle—What made your brother throw himself in the river? Frog—I suppose there was a woman at the bottom of it.

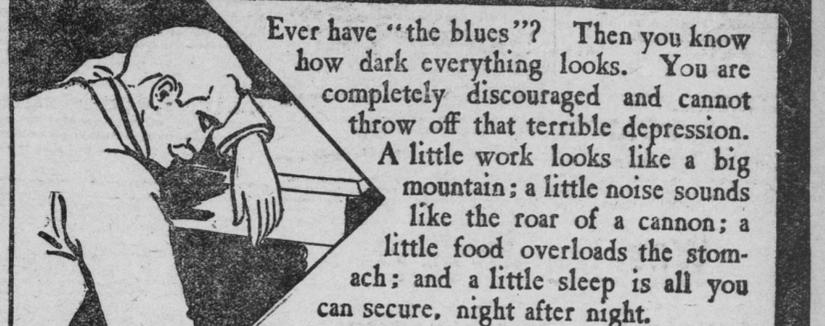
## FRACCTIONS.

Bright children in school are in great danger sometimes of passing over with a large correspondence, a letter which is a domain of common sense. The teacher once said to her class in mental arithmetic: "Now, boys, I have a few questions in fractions to ask. Suppose I have a piece of beef and cut it into two pieces. What would those pieces be called?" "Halves," shouted the class. "And if I cut each half into two pieces?" "Quarters," they answered. "That is correct. And if the quarters were each cut in half?" "Eighths," they answered. "Yes. And if those were chopped in two?" "Sixteenths," they answered. "The answers had been growing fewer and fewer, but one boy meditated a moment, and answered: "Sixteenths." "Very good. And when the sixteenths were cut in half, what would they be?" "There was silence in the class, but presently a little boy at the foot put up his hand. "Do you know, Johnny? Well, you may tell me." "Hash!" answered Johnny, confidently—and truly.

## Victoria's Great Grandchildren.

An interesting picture is the latest published portrait of the queen. In it are the sons and daughters of the Duke of York. The eldest, Prince Edward Albert

# BLUES



Ever have "the blues"? Then you know how dark everything looks. You are completely discouraged and cannot throw off that terrible depression. A little work looks like a big mountain; a little noise sounds like the roar of a cannon; a little food overloads the stomach; and a little sleep is all you can secure, night after night.

That's Nerve Exhaustion. The truth of the matter is, your nerves have been poisoned and weakened with the impurities in your blood. The thing for you to do is to get rid of these impurities just as soon as you can. You want a blood-purifying medicine. You want a good Sarsaparilla,—that's what you want,—a Sarsaparilla that is the strongest and best nerve tonic you can buy, too.

# That's A YER'S

"The only Sarsaparilla made under the personal supervision of three graduates: a graduate in pharmacy, a graduate in chemistry, and a graduate in medicine."

"During last year I was suffering from nervous prostration. For weeks I grew worse, became thin, could not sleep, had no appetite, and was in a wretched condition. After taking several kinds of medicines without result, I took Ayer's Sarsaparilla with more than pleasing results. My appetite returned, I slept soundly, my strength and weight increased, and now I am well and strong without the slightest trace of my old trouble. Indeed, I would hardly believe it possible for medicine to bring about such a change in any person."—CLARA MEALY, Winter Hill, Somerville, Mass., Dec. 21, 1899.



POKER DREAM. Mrs. Smith—Did you enjoy the sermon, dear? Mr. Smith—No. I dreamed I was trying to bluff a fellow who held four aces.

Perry, Miss Emma Robinson, Miss Julia Griffin and Miss Edith Gray. In the afternoon the John Ericsson Mothers' club met in the kindergarten rooms and the school children gave an interesting programme. There were recitations by Raymond Jans, Edith Nelson, Walter Vennewitz, John D. Park, Maud and Edith Nelson, gave a piano duet; Leslie Hill sang and Arlene Nicoll, Miss Mary sang a duet. The programme concluded with songs and drills by the pupils.

Mrs. H. J. McFarlane entertained the members of the East Presbyterian Church Literary and Debating club Thursday evening. A debate, "Resolved, That immigration should be restricted," was argued in the affirmative by Messrs. Christie and Baker; in the negative by Messrs. Larson and Hart. The judges, Miss McAfee and Messrs. Taylor and Evans, decided in favor of the affirmative. Rev. John Copeland presided. After the programme there was music and refreshments were served.

Mrs. A. S. Tallmadge entertained the women of the Woodland Park Baptist church at a silver tea yesterday afternoon at her home on Dayton avenue. Mrs. Whitcomb, Mrs. McLennan and Miss Elsie Brown assisted.

Mrs. E. A. Huggins gave a luncheon yesterday afternoon at her home on Dayton avenue, in honor of Miss Mary Stee. The table appointments were in white and yellow. The guests were: Miss Mary Stee, Miss Edith Gray, Miss Helen Craigmeyer, Miss Alice Robinson, Miss Luella Hughton and Mrs. Geyer, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. W. P. Johnston, of Selby avenue, will give a dancing party Monday evening, April 16, at Seminary hall, in honor of her daughter, Miss Hazel Johnston.

## KIDNEY TROUBLES OF WOMEN

Miss Frederick's Letters Show How She Relied on Mrs. Pinkham and Was Cured. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have a yellow, muddy complexion, feel tired and have bearing down pains. Menses have not appeared for three months; sometimes am troubled with a white discharge. Also have kidney and bladder trouble.

I have been this way for a long time, and feel so miserable I thought I would write to you and see if you could do me any good."—Miss EDNA FREDERICK, Troy, Ohio, Aug. 6, 1899.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound according to directions, and can say I have not felt so well for years as I do at present. Before taking your medicine a more miserable person you never saw. I could not eat or sleep, and did not care to talk with any one. Now I feel so well I cannot be grateful enough to you for what you have done for me."—Miss EDNA FREDERICK, Troy, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1899.

## Backache Cured

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I write to thank you for the good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done me. It is the only medicine I have found that helped me. I doctored with one of the best physicians in the city of New York, but received no benefit. I had been ailing for about sixteen years. Now I feel so well I cannot be grateful enough to you for what you have done for me."—Miss EDNA FREDERICK, Troy, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1899.

## PLAIN WOMEN IN DEMAND.

Typewriting the New Profession Favored in Fiction. "That typewriting has opened a lucrative profession for women is undoubted," says Marion Leslie, in The Woman at Home, and it is a profession which I am assured by experts is not overworked by really efficient workers. "Another excellent thing to be noted in connection with typewriting is that it affords occupation to the woman over forty,



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## LAND OF NOD CHILDREN

### PICTURESQUE LITTLE OPERA AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

"The Land of Nod" is peopled with pretty, graceful and picturesque children. At least that portion of the dreamy kingdom that an immense audience was given a peep of last night at the Central high school was so peopled. It was the second time that the pretty operetta has been given in St. Paul, and on both occasions it has scored a complete success. Prof. John Dahle, the composer, was also the stage manager last evening, the play being given by the Jefferson school pupils for the benefit of the school.

Miss Blanche Jurka made a most gallant and sweet-voiced young king, and in Miss Signe Dahle his majesty had a consort worthy his royal virtues. Miss Ella Henninger proved herself a clever little comedienne in her role of Mother Goose and was forced to sing her song again. William Miller, as Sandman; Bennie Pederson, as Jack of Dreams; Irene Howell, as Lady Fortune; Abbie McDooy, as Queen of the Dollies; Clyde Connel, as the Dream Prince; Clara Aberwald, the Dream Princess, and all the other people of the lullaby realm acquitted themselves creditably.

Besides these there were the pages, the dream sprites, the angels, sleepy heads, dwarfs, sea nymphs and fairies, whose pretty costumes and prettier faces made the stage look like fairyland. Miss Hilda Hirschman was pianist. The operetta will be repeated this afternoon at the high school, the entertainment beginning at 4 o'clock. The Jefferson School orchestra played last evening.

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