WOMAN'S WORLD.

A FORMER SOCIETY GIRL WHO IS A SUCCESSFUL FARMER.

Wants to Know Her Faults—His View of the Riding Habit—Found Homes For Two Thousand Children—Pay of House Servants.

Mrs. Minnie Eshleman Sherman of California, a former society girl of Philadelphia, owns and manages a farm of 2,800 acres, with its varied interests of dairying, stock farming and fruit growing. In her palm bordered orchards and vineyards are grown raisin grapes, pears, peaches, apricots, nectarines, prunes, oranges, almonds and olives. For her immense herds Mrs. Sherman grows all of her own feed, the cows in summer being pastured on alfalfa and as the season advances on

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ensilage made from the first crop of alfalfa, then on corn from the silo and later on green rye.

In addition to the dairy, which supplies its immense creamery, Mrs. Sherman has a large number of thoroughbred horses and a big herd of fine Berkshire swine. Among the lessons which Mrs. Sherman learned by a sad experience was the fact that the beautiful Jersey cows which have found nourishment on sweet hill pastures in a cool, moist sea air will not thrive on fields of alfalfa in a warm, dry valley. These have been replaced by the sturdier Holstein-Friesian stock, of which she is said to have now one of the finest herds in the country. Her large barns contain all the latest devices for the comfort of the cows and for keeping down all bacterial growth detrimental to the butter.

Wants to Know Her Faults.

At her second ball of the winter (the first had not entirely fulfilled her expectation) Miss Ingenue Debutante turned to her partner with the earnest request: "Will you do me a great favor? I want you to tell me truthfully how I could improve!"

"Imagine a man replying candidly to such a remark!" exclaimed a matron who had overheard the above. "And yet what an advantage it would be to a girl if some kindly disposed person would enable her to see herself as others see her!"

"She would not be able to bear the shock," laughed her companion. "And as for the man, she would never speak to him again. Brothers and sisters at home are apt to enlighten one, however."

"Home criticism," returned the other, "is useless as far as regards the impressions of the world at large. A girl at home and abroad is apt to be entirely different. Have you ever noticed how many people have unconsciously distinct company manners and how much nicer they are when they forget their self consciousness and are their own natural everyday selves? Here is that pretty little Mrs. Z. At home among her own people she is simple and kindly and very attractive, but the moment a stranger appears she poses unconsciously for effect. We who know and like her believe it to be only an intense self conscious shyness, but the generality of people call her extremely affected. Then there is that beautiful, attractive looking Miss X., who giggles inanely at every remark that is made. It is sheer nervousness, but sounds idiotic. Another girl I know, who has a pleasant voice naturally, talks so loud in company that she appears almost ill bred. No one naturally tells these women of their defects, and, of course, they will never know of them, but it does seem a pity that the girl could not be taken at her word and be told just what people say of her and how she could, as she puts it, 'improve.'"—New York Tribune.

His View of the Riding Habit.

"I dare say you fancy yourself very much and think you look very smart," was Uncle Jack's comment as his niece, a pretty girl of 18, appeared equipped for riding, "but let me tell you," he continued, "you cannot hold a candle to what your mother was at your age. What a beautiful figure she had in her skin tight habit, and how erect she held herself! With that long, loose coat you are wearing you might have any sort of figure. No one could tell whether it was good or bad. And those flopping tails to your waist, just like my frock coat—how senseless they are! And why do you not sit more erect and put your shoulders back?" went on the critical old man. "It seems to be the fashion, too, to be round shouldered. Ease of carriage you call it! I should say it was a slovenly, careless way of sitting a horse. It is because you do not wear any stays, you say? Well, I should think so. You look just like that—just as if you were in your dressing sack in a rocking chair. The women in my day looked slim as an arrow, straight as a dart, and yet every one of their motions went with those of the horse, as if they were part of the animal itself. I dare say they wore stays, and pretty tight ones, too, but there was not a wrinkle on their habits, and when they cantered off it was a beautiful sight to see—everything looking as tight and neat in the wildest gallop as the sails of a well handled yacht; no flopping, frock coated effect like yours, my dear niece. You must excuse me, but I really had to laugh when I saw the backs of yourself and several of your friends as your horses were taking a run in the park yesterday. To my mind, you looked like caricatures. You needn't thank me," he added irritatingly. "I only thought you might like to know how your modern fashions impressed an old fellow like me."—Exchange.

Found Homes For 2,000 Children.

"Oh, Mrs. Blank," cried a young housemaid to her mistress, "two little ladies want to see you! They came in a carriage, and they look as if they were ready to go up to heaven!"

The little ladies thus pictured were the Misses Goddard of Boston, two women of large means and devoted lives. One of them, whom Theodore Parker used to call St. Matilda, died recently, leaving her fortune, as she had used her income, for the help of others. Naturally at this time many anecdotes are being told of her good deeds, among them being the assertion that Miss Matilda found homes for more than 2,000 children.

Generally the Misses Goddard "came in a carriage" because they needed one. Always it was filled to overflowing with bundles of household goods they had purchased at fairs, patchwork quilts and braided rugs they had bought of women in old ladies' homes and clothing that well to do friends had sent from overstocked wardrobes.

One room in their house was used to receive such articles, which the sisters looked over, deciding who needed this and who needed that. Then they personally distributed the goods. They had 600 poor persons on their lists, and once when asked to dispose of the contents of a four story house belonging to a friend who had died it proved that they knew places to which they could send everything in it.

It is said that the Misses Goddard never went out of town in the summer but once. A baby had fallen into Miss Matilda's hands that was so feeble she resolved to keep and care for it herself. The doctor thought country air might save it, and into the country the little family went, the only vacation the sisters ever took.—Woman's Journal.

The Pay of House Servants.

"The domestic problem has many phases," said a woman well known in philanthropic work to a Tribune reporter a day or two ago. "I dropped in for luncheon yesterday at the hotel where my favorite club meets and chanced to find several other members there, so we had an impromptu and unofficial meeting. The subject of the Housemaids' union, just organized in Chicago, came up, and one said that if the same demands should be enforced here she would have to board.

"Yet it is not unreasonable," the philanthropist continued, "to insist that housekeepers should pay $3 a week for a day of eight hours. The two afternoons a week that they demand are not so easy a matter perhaps.

"It seems to me that there is a general misunderstanding among the women in service as to the pay they are really receiving. Ninety-nine in every hundred estimate only the actual money they receive, quite overlooking the fact that they could not possibly get board and lodging for less than $5 a week. That, with a $3 wage, gives them $8 a week, which is more than the average factory worker or saleswoman receives. I am becoming a little tired of the philanthropic craze for turning all poor girls into milliners and dressmakers. It would be much more to the purpose if more were encouraged to become good housemaids and taught to regard their employers as having some rights they should respect. One would think from the lectures that she is constantly receiving that the average housekeeper is a hard hearted tyrant. In my experience quite the reverse is true."—New York Tribune.

In the Fashion of Other Days.

Even to the children has the fancy for reviving old fashions been extended, and now the square cropped hair, familiar in pictures of children taken 40 years ago and seen occasionally during the last year, has been generally adopted in smart circles. It is said that its renascence is due to the French painter and illustrator, Boutet de Monvel, whose pictures of children are highly popular in Paris. His favorite type is the chubby faced, snubby nosed, piquant and smiling boy or girl, with the hair cut straight behind the ears.

If the boy has a low forehead, his head is adorned by what the grandmothers of the present generation termed a topknot. This is a lock of hair rolled and tied into a puff by a pudgy bow of ribbon. If the forehead is high, it is more likely to have a fringe nearly to the eyebrows, cut as square as the hair behind.

The dress of the same period has returned also, and the fashionable child seems to be all body, as the waist of her dainty frock reaches almost to her knees, the skirt being a mere ruffle not more than six or seven inches deep.

A wide sash with a vast bow surmounts the skirt, and short white stockings and "ankle ties" clothe the little legs and feet. The effect, as a whole, is quaint and picturesque.

College Women to Have a Club.

It is gratifying that at last New York is to have a real club for women, with a real clubhouse, restaurant, library, bedrooms and everything that a woman's club ought to have, and the people who are going to start it and manage it are college bred women. It is to be a women's university club, and it has 482 members promised already. To be eligible to membership a woman must be a graduate of one of the colleges included in the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ. That association includes Vassar, Smith, Wellesley, Bryn Mawr, Radcliffe, Barnard, Cornell, Oberlin, Wesleyan, Syracuse, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Leland Stanford, Northwestern, Western Reserve and the universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Kansas and Chicago.

The papers say the annual dues of this club are to be $10 for resident members and $5 for nonresident members and that members who join at the start will have no initiation fees to pay. But you cannot make bricks without straw, and you cannot—at least men cannot—run much of a club in New York on $10 a year. However, if the college women start their club they will probably adapt the dues to the needs of the institution.—Harper's Weekly.

Woman's Highest Ornament.

The coiffure bas, or low coiffure, is gaining adherents slowly, but surely. In Paris it is already a vogue. For evening wear the hair is still often worn high, but arranged with infinite skill by the hairdressers, to suit each customer's own style of beauty. The one most usually found becoming has the side parting with its wavy loop either low across the forehead or thrown over the top of the head to join with the coiled hair massed at the back. A coiffure which is newer and which is delightfully pretty has a center part bunched up and soft masses of waves on each side above the ears and temples, while the back is coiled just below the crown, a coiffure which slightly suggests, while having none of its ugly stiffness, the Louis Philippe headdress.

Huge blossoms or rosettes of ribbon are poised over one ear or over both ears with good effect, and tiny renaissance roses are used very gracefully either in a small watteau wreath or in a cluster.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Liked Her First Peep.

The young Princess of the Asturias has gone back to Madrid delighted, it seems, with her visit to Paris, her first little peep into the outside world. Prince Charles of Bourbon, who at his marriage was made Prince of the Asturias, is in appearance the ideal prince, handsome in face and stature, noble in bearing and supremely distingue. On the day of his visit to the president at the Elysee a crowd had gathered, as usual, to see the president's guest as the carriages drove out of the great gate. At sight of the prince a great murmur of admiration rose and greeted him as a spontaneous tribute. The princess has shed those simple, almost childish gowns that the queen regent held her to to the very last, and she appeared in the elegance of a young married woman, embellished, too, by her look of radiant happiness.

Indian Territory Federation.

At the third annual meeting of the Oklahoma and Indian Territory Federation held recently Mrs. J. C. Terrell, ex-president of the Texas Federation, gave an address on "The Danger Line." She took the opportunity to warn clubwomen and mothers against scattering their forces, counseling moderation and concentration in all lines of work. The president of the federation reported that the organization has now developed a membership of 40 clubs and over 1,000 women. The sending out of traveling libraries into the sparsely settled country is one of the leading features of their work.

Do You Possess Pearls?

If you happen to be one of those fortunate people who possess real pearls, wear them constantly. In this way you will prevent their being spoiled by a wicked little microbe which is said to attack them when they are laid away. This little parasite eats through the outer coating of the pearl, completely destroying its lovely shine and leaving only the dull substance beneath, says Home Notes.

Some fair owners of pearls, so the tale goes, wear their necklaces always, even at night, in order to protect them from their microscopic foes.

The Latest Note Paper.

Who is responsible for the latest fashion in note paper? Very large sheets are the newest vogue, with enormous envelopes to match them, plenty of space being necessary if the modern damsel is to splash her soul upon paper. The latest thing in note paper is about the size of sermon paper.

Mme. Isacescu, the Viennese lady who attempted to swim across the English channel from Calais to Dover last summer, announces her intention of again attempting the feat this year. This time she intends to make her attempt from the English side.

Mrs. Neve of St. Peter Port, Guernsey, who was born in the year in which Louis XVI of France was guillotined and Napoleon Bonaparte left Corsica, has completed her one hundred and ninth year. She was born in the house in which she now lives.

It is said that a bunch of sweet peas kept in a room will drive away flies. A physician made the suggestion to a patient at a time of long illness when flies were numerous, and the simple advice proved efficacious.

Turkish women, it is said, are becoming more independent every year. Despite orders to cover the face in public, many boldly let their veils fall aside and keep them off altogether when entering a shop.

The latest design in carpet sweepers has a plate glass top through which, while working the machine, it is easy to see if the brushes get clogged or the dustpan too full.

THE TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND & Pacific Railway — Tickets can be purchased or baggage checked at City Ticket office, 1813 Second avenue, or C., R. I. & P. depot, corner Fifth avenue and Thirty-first street. Frank H. Plummer, Agent.

TRAINS.	EAST.	WEST.
Denver Limited & Omaha	† 8:10 am	* 3:00 am
Rocky Mountain Limited	† 2:48 pm	† 5:20 pm
Ft. Worth, Denver & K. C.	† 5:05 am	†10:35 pm
Minneapolis	† 5:50 am	* 9:10 pm
Omaha and Des Moines	† 8:00 am	†11:10 pm
Omaha & Minneapolis	†12:05 am	* 3:00 am
Omaha & Lincoln Ex.	* 7:55 am	†11:10 pm
Des Moines & Omaha	*11:55 pm	†10:35 pm
Denver, Lincoln & Omaha	* 3:05 am	* 3:05 am
Des Moines Express	‡12:15 m	† 6:52 am
St. Paul & Minneapolis	* 3:05 am	† 9:15 pm
Denver, Ft. Worth & K. C.	* 5:00 am	†10:40 pm
Kansas City, St. Joe & Denv	*11:10 pm	† 6:30 am
Rock Island & Washington	*11:50 pm	† 3:25 pm
Chicago & Des Moines	† 2:15 pm	‡ 3:30 pm
Rock Island & Brooklyn Ac	* 5:35 pm	† 7:40 am
Omaha & Rock Island	* 6:40 pm	‡10:35 am
Chicago, & Davenport		‡ 7:00 pm

*Arrival. †Departure. ‡Daily, except Sunday. ‡Daily except Saturday. All others daily. Telephone 1093

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TRAINS.	LEAVE.	ARRIVE.
St. L. Springfield, Peoria, Quincy via Galesburg and Sterling	*7:15 am	*6:50 am
Peoria, Bearustown, Burlington, Denver and West	*2:40 pm	†12:11 pm
St. L., Kas. City, Denver and Pacific Coast via Galesburg	*7:25 pm	*7:15 pm
Sterling and points intermediate	†7:25 pm	†7:15 pm
East Moline, Suburban	*6:15 am	
St. L. Denver and west		*6:50 am
Clinton and Dubuque	*6:50 am	*6:50 am
Davenport and Clinton	*6:50 am	
Clinton, Dubuque, La Crosse, St. Paul, Minn. & West and N. W.	*7:15 pm	*7:10 am

Telephone 1189
*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL railway— D., R. I. & N. W. passenger station at foot of Seventeenth street. George W. Wood, agent. The trains for Dubuque and points north run via Illinois side of river. Trains for Freeport and Milwaukee will run via Davenport, Clinton and Savanna.

All trains will connect at Savanna for points east and west.

TRAINS.	LEAVE.	ARRIVE.
Dubuque and St. Paul Passenger	7:25 am	11:40 am
Accommodation	10:15 am	11:15 am
Dubuque and St. Paul Passenger	4:00 pm	9:15 pm
Milwaukee Express	7:00 am	9:15 pm
Freeport Express	4:20 pm	11:40 am

All trains daily except Sunday.

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TRAINS.	LEAVE.	ARRIVE
Peoria & Springfield Limited	5:10 am	
Peoria, Springfield, Lt. L., Indianapolis, Cincinnati	*8:05 am	*10:20 pm
Peoria, Springfield, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Bloomington	*2:55 pm	7:13 pm
Peoria Express	7:35 pm	
Peoria, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Bloomington		10:25 am
Peoria, St. Louis, Springfield, Decatur		*4:58 pm
Cable Accommodation	7:00 am	
Sherrard Accommodation	9:15 am	4:55 pm
Cable & Sherrard Accom.	3:30 pm	2:20 pm
Cable & Sherrard Accom.		8:38 am

Trains marked * are daily, others daily except Sunday.