

BEHAVIORS OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Powerful Influence Exerted for the Betterment of Womanhood.

RELAXATION FROM DAILY ROUTINE

The Good Far Outweighs the Faints—Development of Clubs—Do They "Take" Too Much?—Amusing Features.

Dr. Johnson defined a club as "an assembly of good fellows meeting under certain conditions." From his phraseology it is evident that the gallant doctor never even imagined the possibility of such a combination of women.

A club, headed by the gentle hand of woman, may be a powerful weapon of offense and defense, writes Jean Neal in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. She may lay about with it in an aggressive manner and smother established social conventions and smash cherished ideals; or she may wisely use it merely as a new means whereby to strengthen and defend herself against the assaults of the world and the impositions of stronger men.

Women's clubs have sprung up only within comparatively few years, but now all over the country their name is everywhere. It was like the case of the first rabbit brought into Australia, which island is now overrun with the borbolant pests, except that in this instance the woman is the pest.

Of course you belong to a club. This is no longer the question, for, in fact, it goes without saying. One might as well be dead now as not to be a member of one of these present day clubs. To how many clubs do you belong? For she is regarded as the best woman who is on the lists of the greatest number of clubs and who holds office in circles of widest diverging interests.

I myself am very unfashionable. I boast of membership in but three clubs, though they are typical, and I must confess that I do not see how any mortal woman can have strength of mind to be a member of more than one. One of these three is a large patriotic society, whose meetings are usually held upon days of the national holidays. We observe the Washington's birthday Tuesday. These increasingly popular patriotic organizations are often criticized for spending so much time in glorifying the past and in celebrating the deeds of our forefathers. We are accused of being of no practical advantage to the members of the society at large. But they do indeed stand for something. They stand for the recording of all historic data, however slight, which may go to make up the history of our country. They stand for the preservation of old landmarks and places of historic association; for the observance of the national holidays; and for the inculcation of the spirit of patriotism in the children who are to be our next generation of citizens and to carry on the work of the world.

My second club is a private and personal affair of eight ex-college girls, all seriously affected with the literary mania, which in several cases has developed into the most serious symptoms of incurable insanity. The Scribblers meet at my den every fortnight, and each maid is pledged to read aloud some part of her own or some other's work. It is a most interesting and profitable affair. The club is a most interesting and profitable affair. The club is a most interesting and profitable affair.

My third club is one of the general class of self-culture associations; a band of bright women who meet every other week to write and discuss papers upon topics of literary, ethical, literary and scientific interest. They alternate week to week to come well-known lecturer or public speaker. It requires much time to keep up with the latest news and to keep abreast of the unusually bright women who discuss them; and the result is a stimulus and a valuable incentive to study.

The first woman's club was contemporary with the new interest in the higher education of women. It was a sign of the awakening desire for self-improvement, for intellectual equality with man, for a social broadening of ideas and resources. Since then women have been making their way in certain abstruse conventionalities which prevented their adopting the learned professions or business careers of their own. And a growing, more or less, has finally resulted in that modern, much-abused word—incarnation, the new woman. I doubt if any man is so far from the mark as to believe that the newspapers and the contemporary stage, really does exist. But the new woman in the last sense—the renewed, modern, the young modern woman surely has come to stay. And she is first of all a club woman.

Now, the expression, "club woman" denotes very different things to different people. It bears no derogatory significance. But long usage of the latter term, long experience of the bearing of the word, has led to its being used in a disparaging, not incompatible, however, with a certain distinction. One instinctively thinks of a club woman as a woman who is always to be found at one or another of the typical men's clubs, which are usually purely social or pleasure, with no object of improvement or mental and moral advantage. The fashionable habits of the fashionable clubs, is not an admirable creation.

Nobody has any such idea of the club woman. Even the cartoonists who delight in caricaturing a man who is rocking the baby while his wife sits at her club desecrating Browning

DIFFERENT FROM MEN'S CLUBS

Women's clubs are very different in purpose and ideal from the men's. It is seldom purely social—women have enough of society in its ordinary garb without investing in the name of clubs upon their lives. Their clubs usually have a dignified and plausible purpose at least—for charity, for self-improvement, for social reform, or some local or individual interest, like the ownership of Scribblers. The vast majority of large women's clubs throughout the country are usually bands of earnest, enthusiastic workers for the betterment of the world.

This direct improvement of herself, this broadening of her understanding and supplementing of her academic knowledge, is not the greatest benefit of the woman's club. There is also the relaxation from her daily routine of society and household cares, a stepping aside from the cares of the world and the responsibilities of the old order of things. Our grandmothers had no clubs. No; but perhaps they would have lived longer and happier if they had. Young women have more resources a woman has within herself when she makes action impossible the happier will her old age be, the more she has enjoyed the life of the club.

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Many club women are bachelor maids, responsible to no one but themselves, with no heavy home duties or binding ties of family. To such the club is a most welcome and interesting from the wearisome routine of society without an object. It is a profitable investment of time which would otherwise be wasted in the most unprofitable manner. It is a most welcome and interesting from the wearisome routine of society without an object.

One fault of the woman's club is that it is too much of a club. Seeing the whole wide world of her open for her to choose, the club woman opens to grasp it all at once; she is not content to take a little at a time, she is not content to take a little at a time, she is not content to take a little at a time. She is not content to take a little at a time, she is not content to take a little at a time.

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LEAVES FROM EARLY HISTORY

J. Sterling Morton's Recollections of a Financial Debate at Omaha in 1855.

CHEAP MONEY AND WILDCAT BANKS

Pioneer Postmaster Jones and Judge Bradford's Views on the Question in the Upper House of the Territorial Council.

The building was of poorly burned brick and its dimensions were about forty-eight feet by twenty-four feet and two stories in height. It stood on the prairie which had been washed out in the great levee of the Missouri river, opposite Council Bluffs, Ia., and christened "Omaha City," and in the winter of 1855 it was occupied by the legislative assembly of the Territory of Nebraska and dignified as the capitol. It stood about two blocks northwest from where the present Union Pacific railroad headquarters are located. This primitive temple of law-making had been planned and constructed during the summer and autumn of 1854 by the Nebraska & Iowa Ferry Co., of which Dr. Enos Low was the president. It had been regarded by the larger stockholders and chief manipulators of that organization for city building and fortune making as a sort of live where the first swarm of law-givers might collect and distill the honey of opportunity in behalf of the proprietors of prairie townships and prairie plowmen all along the Nebraska bank of the Missouri.

The territorial council, which was parallel and equidistant to the state senate, was, metaphorically, and likewise literally, the upper house of the territorial legislative assembly, for it held its sessions in the second story of the legislative capitol. The hall of the council was about twenty-four feet by sixteen feet, and the length of the length was cut off by a railing and devoted to the standing use of the general public as a lobby. The thirteen members of the council occupied the remainder of the capitol. It was occupied by the territorial legislative assembly, for it held its sessions in the second story of the legislative capitol.

SHARP IN NAME AND FEATURES. In person Colonel Sharp was tall, sinewy, straight, lean and hard. He was a well-shaped head and an expression of alertness and vigilance was always present in his features. In character he was a man of great energy and force, and an attack of smallpox. The disease had extinguished the light and vision of one eye, but he had not been deterred by this, he had not been deterred by this, he had not been deterred by this.

THE PARAMOUNT QUESTION. From time to time it is intended to give sketches of individual members of this pioneer body, and of the discussions in which it indulged. And, as the money question is at present paramount in this territory, and all other questions are of minor importance, it is not surprising that a debate carried on by some of those frontier financiers in the council at its second session, during the winter of 1855, relative to money, banking and financing generally. The immediate subject of discussion was the propriety of chartering several banks in the territory.

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Orchard & Wilhelm Carpet Co. 1414-16-18 Douglas St. Just a few hints to give you an idea of the many trade inducers we are showing the early spring buyers Draperies Carpets Coaches

Oriental Bagdad Curtains—Fringed at top and bottom a decided novelty and shown for first time—a pair..... \$5.00 Same Bagdad Curtains—Only plain top and bottom—a pair..... 4.50

Teperoe India Drapes—A real oriental novelty—30 inches wide—8 yards long—each drape a novelty by itself—each..... 4.50 Java Curtains—In a great variety of patterns and colors—each..... 3.00

Bagdad Tapestry Couch Covers—New this season—the first time ever shown in Omaha—18 inches wide—34 yards long—fringe like the very best—shown before—remarkable values at..... 4.50

Rope Portieres—For single doors—considered good value at \$3.25—this week only..... 2.50 Heavy French Tapestry Curtains—in Louis XV styles—all the new shades—a pair..... 5.50

An Extra Quality Tapestry—In empire, green, Pompeii red, oriental blue—heavy valance fringe at top and bottom..... 7.75 Denimets—Light weight art denims—newest patterns—choicest colorings—the largest assortment ever shown in Omaha..... 1.8c

Down Sofa Pillows—Another lot of the 20-inch size at..... 36c Traveling Men's samples of fine drapery—samples of silk and satin Danish heavy tapestry, suitable for sofa pillows and upholstery—average size—27 inches square—real value from \$2.50 to \$7 per yard—these at..... 25c

Alexander Smith Sons' Tapestry Brussels—in all the new and popular spring patterns and colorings..... 65c and 75c The all wool 2-ply Ingrains are still selling at 65c, 55c and..... 50c

A few patterns of Axminster bought much below price will be sold at much less value—we could not sell these Axminsters in our regular lines for less than \$1.25 or \$1.35—long as these last at..... 87c Rugs

A new shipment of wool Smyrna rugs—made in Philadelphia—no kind of a rug will wear as well except the Turkish—these are in the large room sizes and we've marked the prices lower than good Smyrna rugs have ever been sold at before—

6x9..... \$12.50 9x10..... \$20.00 7x10..... \$20.00 9x12..... \$24.00 Window Shades

We've more of those opaque 3x6 foot shades—ready to hang—at the awfully low price of..... 20c Brass Rods

A few more of the 26 inch extension rods at..... 07c Furniture Specials

A few of the sample pieces left over from our sale last week—all have been put together on the fourth floor—and the prices have been made so low that it's useless to quote them again—will simply say they are all odd pieces—prices at from 1 to 4 former prices—many of the most desirable pieces yet remain.

A corduroy or velour covered Couch—26 in wide—6 foot long—fringed all around—full spring edge..... 8.25 A full Tuft Couch made in good corduroy or velour—best steel springs—spring edge—nicely fringed—great value at..... 9.75

An extra bargain in a Couch made in extra quality corduroy—full size—tufted and fringed at..... 12.25 Full size Rokoko frame—nicely tufted and finished extra quality velour—very artistic pattern..... 15.00

Also a complete line of finer Couches—made of special coverings ranging in prices from..... 18.50 up Many of these coverings are our own importations—and cannot be duplicated elsewhere.

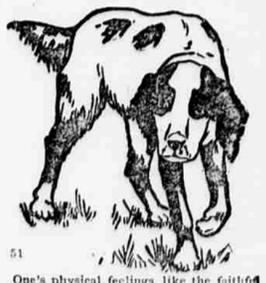
Our special is a full Turkish upholstered Couch—all moss and hair filling—extra large size—quarter sawed oak or mahogany finish frame—to appreciate the value you must see it..... 35.00 Beds and Bedding

A full weight 40-pound Mattress—all curled hair in No. 1 ticking—full size—a special made up lot that are above extra values..... 12.50 A full size extension foot Iron Bed—brass head and foot rail—brass trimmed throughout..... 6.00

All Brass Tube Beds—2200 full size..... 2.20 Green enamel fine swell foot extension brass trimmed bed..... 6.50 Full size white enamel Bed—250 brass trimmed..... 2.50

Dressers suitable for iron beds—solid oak swell front—solid brass handles \$12.50—wash stands to match \$5.50. Antique finish 2-piece suit—dresser and washstand—one full car load to be sold at—for the two pieces..... 9.75

CARP TO WRITE FOR THE BEE. Famous Correspondent on His Way to South America. A TWENTY-FIVE-THOUSAND-MILE JOURNEY. Series of Descriptive Letters by This Popular Writer and Well Known Lecturer Soon to Be Given to Readers of the Bee. While the next few weeks The Bee will begin the publication of the most remarkable series of letters ever published in a newspaper. This series will describe the South American continent as it is in 1898. It will be the result of a tour which will cost thousands of dollars and which will include travels of more than 25,000 miles for up-to-date information. The tour was begun by Mr. Frank G. Carpenter when he sailed from New York the other day for the isthmus of Panama. He has already landed at Colon and is now investigating the conditions of the Panama canal, upon which something like 2,000 men are now working. Crossing the isthmus, Mr. Carpenter will travel down along the Pacific coast of South America to the bottom of our hemisphere to the Strait of Magellan, stopping at the various ports and making extensive expeditions into the interior. He will stop for a while in Ecuador, will travel extensively on the plateau of Bolivia and will make his way by mule and stage through some of the wildest parts of the Andes. He will visit Lake Titicaca, the highest lake in the world which is navigated by steam, and will report on the business conditions of Peru and Bolivia and the chances for American investments there. An interesting part of his tour will be a journey from the tops of the Andes through the wild hills of Bolivia down into Chile, crossing the great rainless zone, and spending some time in the nitrate fields which have made so many men rich. He will visit the gold regions of Bolivia, Chili and Peru, which are said to far surpass the Klondike in richness, and from the southern part of Chili will make his way across the great rainless zone, and spend some time in the nitrate fields which have made so many men rich. After extensive travels in Chili and Patagonia, including a journey into the Andes where he will describe the work now being done on the Transandean road, Mr. Carpenter will sail for Terra del Fuego, and will there visit a country inhabited by savages, some of whom live in holes in the ground, and will then make his way up the Atlantic coast of Patagonia and on into that wonderful country, the Argentine Republic. In the Argentine he will visit the wheat fields which compete so greatly with our farmers, will investigate the cotton industry, which is rapidly growing, and will travel for miles over the vast land, which is as large as all of the United States east of the Mississippi river. After describing the capital of Buenos Ayres, which is almost as large as Philadelphia, Mr. Carpenter will make an expedition of something like 2,000 miles, riding far up into Paraguay and visiting its capital. He will also travel extensively in Uruguay and southern Brazil. In Brazil he will visit the great coffee region of the world, will make a trip to the diamond mines, spend some time at Rio Janeiro, and among other expeditions, will travel more than 2,000 miles on the Amazon river, exploring some of the wildest and least known parts of our hemisphere. GOOD THINGS IN STORE. Mr. Carpenter's newspaper expedition is taken at the expense of The Bee and some of the other newspapers of the United States, which wish to give to their readers a plain, practical, common-sense description of what is going on in South America. He has instructions to investigate the resources of the various countries, to describe in detail what Americans are doing there and to look up the possibilities in the different countries for American trade and American manufactures. He is in fact a commissioner for the American people to



One's physical feelings, like the faithful actor, search and point out plainly the fact of disease or health. If a man is not feeling well and vigorous he is losing his health. It is a remedy. It cures disease in a perfectly natural way, without the use of strong drugs. It cures by helping Nature. It has a peculiar tonic effect on the lining membranes of the stomach and bowels. By putting these membranes into healthy condition, stimulating the secretion of the blood the proper purifying properties. It reaches out over the whole body and drives disease germs before it into the usual excretory channels. It builds up firm muscular flesh, makes the skin and the eyes bright. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has been found wonderfully efficacious in the treatment of skin diseases—eczema, leprosy, erysipelas, salt rheum—freckles, moles, pimples or blotches to the worst case of scrofula.