

NEWS OF INTEREST TO OUR FEMININE READERS

"WICKENS' WIT AND WISDOM" BY MRS. HOGUE STINCHCOMB

YOUTH AND HAPPINESS

"The happiness of young people has ever been the chief pleasure of my life. It will warm my heart to witness the happiness of those dearest to me under my own roof."—Pickwick Papers.

Surely there is no happiness half so perfect as that of young people. Why, then, do so many parents drive their children to the homes of others for their pleasures?

One woman I know sends her little child out to play, because she makes the house untidy.

If that child learns of the world's evil when but a baby, the mother will wonder how it could have happened to her child.

One mother of a young boy boasted to me that she "always knew where Bobby was." And yet Bobby played on the streets hours at a time and would only return in response to long and vociferous calls.

Who was he with, and what was he learning? Every child has the right to a protected childhood. Mothers and fathers neglect the greatest duty of life when they allow children to grow up finding greater pleasure in some other home than their own.

What if they do mar the furniture and wear the rugs out? Is a rug or a fine bit of mahogany to be compared to the happiness and joy of your child? If so, send it to the garret until the child shall be older, and replace with simpler stuff.

Make a child's friends welcome in your home. In no other way will you get so keen an insight into its heart.

Enter into the games and play. Be young with the youngest and try not to forget your own youth.

When your boy walks a few blocks out of the way to carry some pretty girl's books home from school, it is not a subject for unseemly jests.

When your young daughter blushes over her first real flirt's bouquet from a boy, try not to forget what a thrilling moment it is.

Be young with your children, and keep their happiness very close to your own roof tree, for truly it "will make your heart warm."



Dancing Frock for a Young Girl

Very girlish and dainty is this pretty frock which is suitable for a boarding school miss not yet "out" in society, yet who likes to take part in evening affairs of the younger set. Bordered white taffeta is the material used for this frock, the border being arranged effectively along the edge of the tunic and surplice bodices. The crushed belt is of the material, and close under two pink silk roses that match the roses in the border. In the V shaped décolletage is a high necked yoke of lace.

TROLLEY CAMPAIGNERS STORM SMALL TOWNS

Miss Pierson, leading crusader for woman suffrage tells of results obtained.

The trolley campaign leaders in the woman suffrage movement, who are temporarily living at the W. C. A. in Meriden, held a meeting in the town hall at Berlin Wednesday evening. Rev. Samuel Plisk, a strong sympathizer in the movement, presided.

Miss Emily Pierson, state organizer and daughter of A. N. Pierson of Cromwell, who conducts the largest floral business in the state, spoke very enthusiastically yesterday morning over the results that are being obtained and what has been accomplished in waging this campaign.

"We are putting all our efforts in the small towns at present," she said, "as the system of legislative representation is proportionately large. The conditions here are such that the operative, there are fifty thousand women in Connecticut working outside the home. The hours of labor of these women are such that they are unable to do their own laundry, and both moral and sanitary, depend upon the laws, and yet the women have no voice in making the laws.

"During the past hundred years there has been a complete revolution in industrial and social conditions. As women's work has come out of the home into the factory many women have been forced to follow their work into the factory yet their needs and protection are unknown to the men who make the laws. Legislation is pushed through which covers men's difficulties but leaves women's needs unmet. There is one class which particularly needs the vote," Miss Pierson said, "and that is the aristocratic set—the people whose only ambition in life is to attain a high social standing. The ballot right would stimulate a desire in them to take a more active interest in the betterment of conditions."

When asked if the woman could not be instructed in producing the desired results by the exertion of influence over the stronger sex masters of the vote, she said, "Many women are ignorant as to how to remedy present conditions. Besides, why use the indirect method? Women who can influence men intelligently should be allowed to register their intelligence in the ballot boxes."

"The suffrage association has grown to phenomenal proportions and we are making a big headway," she said. "Some of the most prominent men in the country are now advocates of suffrage, they believing that it is the responsibility that belongs to woman."

The campaign leaders will hold a meeting in Wallingford, Monday evening with Miss May Margaret Bran of Bryn Mawr college as principal speaker. This evening they will hold a meeting in Meriden in the Auditorium instead of Colonial hall as was first announced.

WOMAN HIT BY AUTO NOW IN THE HOSPITAL.

Greenwich, Feb. 23.—Mrs. John Wright of this place is in the local hospital with a bruised body and head received when an automobile driven by Anton Jensen skidded, the rear of the machine striking Mrs. Wright, knocking her down. Jensen turned his machine sharply to one side to prevent going through a puddle of water and splashing Mrs. Wright and in doing so the auto skidded, turning completely around and rear striking Mrs. Wright, knocking her into the puddle Jensen was trying to clear. The accident happened in front of the Greenwich hospital into which place she was carried by Jensen.

Inventory Will Be Taken at Radford B. Smith's, Wednesday next. At the sale Saturday many odd lots and remnants will be sold at ridiculous prices to close out and save bookkeeping. Plenty of regular goods as well as the usual sale domestic goods.

MRS. SARAH HULL WILL DISCUSS "WHITE SLAVERY"

Wife of prominent Bristol Socialist to speak here next Sunday.

"White Slavery" will be the subject discussed by Mrs. Sarah W. Hull of Bristol, at Socialist hall, Park Theatre building, Sunday evening. Admission is free and the meeting will be one of thousands held all over the country in commemoration of Women's Day, of which she is the Woman's State correspondent for Connecticut.

Another speaker who is scheduled on the program is Rev. Albert C. Thompson of the Immanuel Baptist church. There will be music, vocal and instrumental.

The meeting is held under the auspices of the women of the Socialist party in Bridgeport. The following is the committee that has it in charge: Miss Vida Sterns, Mrs. Stephen Quinn, Miss Mary Taylor, Miss Minnie Pender, Miss Lea Berger, Miss Florence Berger, Mrs. James Fitzgerald, Mrs. George Bowen, Miss Etta Manville, Mrs. John Rainey and Mrs. Charles Hoffman. Mr. Quinn will be chairman of the meeting.

MARY SILLIMAN CHAPTER HOLDS PATRIOTIC BANQUET

Mary Silliman chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution held its celebration of Washington's birthday yesterday at the Theatre where a luncheon was served for 130. The dining room was handsomely decorated for the occasion, the decorations being of a patriotic nature, flags and bunting and pictures of Washington being used effectively. The series of toasts were in the nature of brief sketches of men contemporaneous with Washington.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The fair sex showed their ability as entertainers by entertaining their gentlemen friends at a leap year dance given last Tuesday evening in Varuna Hall. The program was a success and "a most delightful evening" was the verdict of all the boys who were lucky enough to receive an invitation. The girls filled all programs did all the introducing and during the intermission took their partners to near by drug stores and treated them to liquid refreshments and cigars. Some of the girls also escorted their friends home. A group of six started home in a taxi but the machine went on a strike upon Stratford avenue so the party were obliged to walk the rest of the way. One of the party reports that the morning air was most invigorating. The boys in this party reached their homes in time to see the sun rise and Woodhall's orchestra rendered excellent music.

The following ladies were patronesses for this function: Mrs. C. F. Briggs, Mrs. E. J. Furthman, Miss E. Hill, Mrs. A. Nordbeck, Mrs. H. Woodhill, Mrs. J. Sully, Mrs. D. G. Fitzroy, Mrs. J. P. Langevine and Mrs. W. C. Dunham. The girls received much credit for making this affair such a successful one.

Miss Mary V. McNamara of Pequonnock street, is spending the week end at Watertown.

"VOTES FOR WOMEN"

Paris, Feb. 23.—Deputy Godard has given a formal promise to a group of 25 French suffragettes, who invaded the Chamber of Deputies, that as soon as the question of electoral reform again comes up before the Chamber, he will champion the cause of "Votes for Women." Mme. Marguerite Durand, the famous French "woman's lighter" headed the delegation.

Oxalic Acid In Milk Has Killed Eight Children

(Special from United Press.)

New York, Feb. 23.—Until the report of the chemist examining the contents of the stomachs of the children who died under mysterious circumstances in the Brooklyn Nursery and Infants' hospital, is complete, which was expected to be late today, the authorities will take no further steps in the matter. While convinced that the eight children who have died there since Sunday were poisoned and that oxalic acid mixed with the milk they were fed was the cause, the fact that the suggestion has been made that meningitis had been the cause actual cause resulted in orders being given for the chemical examination.

Coroner's Physician West insisted, today, that there was no question but that poison caused the deaths. He pointed out that if it had been meningitis every child in the home and the hospital would have been ill, whereas those killed and those still ill were inmates of the hospital.

While at first the detectives who are working on the case were inclined to believe that some person with a homicidal mania had tried to kill all of the children in the hospital, they were inclined today, to believe that if it is finally proven that oxalic acid caused the deaths, it got into the milk by accident and through carelessness on the part of some of the employees of the institution.

A woman employee, who was questioned, told the detectives that she purchased oxalic acid on Saturday and that she made a solution with it, part of which was used by her to clean the operating table in the hospital. It was suggested that some of this solution might have been left where it could have gotten into the milk supply by accident.

The hospital and nursery of the institution are separate buildings. There are 100 infants in the nursery, but none of them have been ill. This oxalic acid was used, Saturday, and the children taken ill Sunday, seems to prove, the police say, that this actually was the case.

MUSICALE AT Y. W. C. A.

The musicales given at the East Side branch are always good. Tuesday evening the choir from Trinity M. E. church will give four selections by the quartette and three solos. Miss Etta Smith, a violinist of much talent, will appear and also Mrs. Gladys Boers. There will be readings by Miss Violet Marsh.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Rockville, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Augusta Bissell Hammond, widow of A. Park Hammond, a former well-known manufacturer here, was found dead in bed at the home of a step-son, with whom she had been living yesterday. When she did not appear for breakfast in the morning the son went to her room to call her, but when he discovered her death was discovered. She was a former state president of the Women's Relief corps, the auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

MISSING WATERBURY GIRL IS FOUND IN NEW YORK.

Waterbury, Feb. 23.—Marie Wells, the 15-year-old adopted daughter of John Wells of this city, who disappeared on Feb. 19, is in New York, according to a letter received at the home of her mother here. Her father does not give her address but says she is in the employ of a rich family in New York and is well satisfied to remain where she is. Her reason for leaving the Wells home, she says, was fear that she might be returned to the orphan asylum.

No matter what you want try the Farmer Want Column.

WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS EULOGIZES WASHINGTON

The Women's Relief Corps, auxiliary to Elias Howe, Jr., Post, G. A. R., held appropriate exercises in observance of Washington's Birthday, yesterday. Following the business meeting there was a short entertainment. At 7 o'clock a number of representative members of Elias Howe, Jr., Post, G. A. R., entered and were escorted to seats.

Arrangements for the program were in the hands of the patriotic instructor of the W. R. C. Reminiscences of Washington, instructive, patriotic, and laughable, were read by members of the corps. The chairman then called upon the patriotic instructor of Elias Howe, Jr., Post, G. A. R., for a short address appropriate to the day.

Refreshments were then served and a most delightful social hour followed.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The basketball team with a squad of rooters will journey to Ansonia, this evening. There will be no game tomorrow afternoon.

The members of the afternoon classes have been asked to help keep the school clean. All ought to take pride in the appearance of the building.

Several of the fellows of Room 10 have organized as the "Invincible Quartet" and are rehearsing and practicing in order to be able to take a prominent part in the coming minstrel show.

Miss Edith O'Hara, '13, Commercial, lost the check book and bank book belonging to her bookkeeping set. Miss O'Hara would be grateful if the finder would return the same to her.

Themes and essays for the different contests posted in the assembly hall must be sent in before March 1.

Manager Maurice Sullivan of the basketball team is arranging for a couple of games to be played at Jersey City, N. J.

Miss Wills Reid will give the second of a series of socials for the Senior Commercial class at her home, on next Tuesday evening.

One of the Seniors has kindly obliged us with a short poem picturing the adventures of John Doe, Freshman, at school for the first time.

"FRESHMAN'S FIRST DAY."

With shaky feet, he takes his seat, He fearfully bends his head; The teacher calls, he nearly falls, But must get up instead.

When he opens his eyes, he's much surprised He's greeted like a man, He's introduced to his class, His fear is on the wane.

Sylvia Flynn sits aside of him, A rosy, pretty maiden; High School life, is not all strife, If you are candy laden.

And good Soph Hack, the quarter-back, Consents to a little treating, Noting that he'll speak, whenever they meet With more than a nod for greeting.

At home he'll say in review of the day "Oh, High School life is bright, It is so fine, no other for mine— And Sylvia Flynn's all right."

SIXTY-ONE YEARS A PAUPER.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—Sarah Keen, who lost her memory following an attack of smallpox, died at the Philadelphia hospital where she had been an inmate for 61 years. Her relatives are unknown.

THE CHILDREN'S SHOP 1186 Main Street Newfield Building Largest Selection in the city JUST RECEIVED A LARGE AND ELEGANT STOCK OF Fancy and Wash Dresses AGES UP TO 17 YEARS Including Gingham, Linens, Chambray, Lawn and Net. All priced moderately YOUR INSPECTION IS SOLICITED

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THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES. (A Study in Natural History.) When the Himalayan peasant meets the he-bear in his pride, He shouts to scare the monster who will often turn aside; But when the she-bear thus accosted rends the peasant tooth and nail, For the female of the species is more deadly than the male. When Nag, the wayside cobra, hears the careless foot of man, He will sometimes wriggle sideways and avoid it if he can; But his mate makes no such motion where the camps beside the trail, For the female of the species is more deadly than the male. When the early Jesuit fathers preached to Hurons and Choctaws, They prayed to be delivered from the vengeance of the squaws; 'Twas the women, not the warriors turned those stark enthusiasts pale, For the female of the species is more deadly than the male. Man's timid heart is bursting with the things he must not say, For the woman that God gave him isn't his to give away; But when he meets with husband each confirms the other's tale — The female of the species is more deadly than the male. Man, a bear in most relations, worm and savage otherwise, When he proposes negotiations, Man accepts the compromise; Very rarely will he squarely push the firm in dealing with the female of the species in unmitigated act. Fear, or foolishness, impels him, ere he lay the wicked low, To concede some form of trial even to the female of the species; Mirth obscene diverts his anger; Doubt and pity oft perplex Him in dealing with an issue—the scandal of the Sex! But the woman that God gave him, every fiber of her frame, Proves her launched for one sole issue, armed and engineered for the same; And to serve that single issue, lest the generations fail, The female of the species must be deadlier than the male. She who faces death by torture for each life beneath her breast, May not deal in doubt or pity—must not swerve for fact or jest; These be the virtues of the female of the species—not in these her honour dwells— She, the Other Law we live by, is that Law and nothing less! She can bring no more to living than the powers that make her great; As the mother of the infant and the Mistress of the Mate; And when Babe and Man are lacking Heaven help him in the instant; Her right as femme (and baron) her equipment is the same. She is wedded to convictions—in default of grosser ties; Her contentions are her children, Heaven help him who denies! He will meet no cool discussion, but the instinct, white-hot, wild; While the female of her species warms as for spouse and child. Unprovoked and awful charges—even so the she-bear fights; Speech that drips, corrodes and poisons even so the cobra bites; Scientific vivisection of one nerve till it is raw, And the victim writhes in anguish—like the Jesuit with the squaw! So it comes that Man, the coward, when he gathers to confer, With his fellow-brave in council, does not leave a place for her. Where, at war with Life and Conscience, he uplifts his erring hands To some God of Abstract Justice—which no woman understands. And Man knows it! Knows, moreover, that the woman that God gave him Must command but may not govern; shall enthral but not enslave him; And She knows, because She warns him and Her instincts never fail, That the female of her species is more deadly than the male! —Rudyard Kipling in Ladies' Home Journal.

Saturday Will Be the Great Day of our FINAL CLEAN-UP SALE Before Removal to Our New Store 1116-1118 Main Street Ladies' 50c Muslin Night Gowns... 29c Ladies' 59c Flannelette Night Gowns... 35c, 3 for \$1.00 Ladies' \$1.50 Long Crepe Kimonos (all colors)... 79c Ladies' 29c Lawn Kimonos... 13c, 2 for 25c Ladies' 59c Flannelette Dressing Sacques... 3 for \$1.00 Infants' 25c Flannelette Kimonos... 7c Ladies' 29c Flannelette Petticoats... 19c Children's 15c, 19c, 25c Muslin Drawers... 8c pair Ladies' 69c House Skirts... 44c Ladies' 25c Muslin Drawers... 18c Children's and Ladies' Fleece Lined Underwear... 19c Lot of Infants' 39c and 50c Slips... 17c Ladies' 50c Corsets... 19c Ladies' 39c Colored House Waists... 19c Ladies' \$2.98 Messaline and Taffeta Silk Waists, all colors... \$1.69 Ladies' \$5.00 and \$6.00 Tan Jackets... \$1.00 Ladies' \$3.98 One-Piece Dresses... \$1.69 Ladies' \$1.50 Fancy Lawn and Tailored Waists... 69c Ladies' \$5 & \$6 Messaline & Taffeta Silk Petticoats \$2.89 Ladies', Gents' and Children's Hose... 8c, 11c, 13c pair Ladies' Dress Skirts... 96c, \$1.50, \$1.89, \$2.49, \$3.95 Ladies' Long Polo Coats... \$4.98, \$7.98, \$9.95 All our \$12.50, \$14.75 and \$16.50 Suits... \$5.75 and \$7.95

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