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WOMAN'S WORLD.

MISS JAMES SMITH OF BARNARD AND OTHER COLLEGE PRESIDENTS.

The Revolt of the Daughters—A Woman Garbage Inspector—Women in the Paris Salon—Women as Sugar Producers. Death of a Woman Veteran.

The appointment of Miss James Smith to the position of president of Barnard calls attention to the fact that the day is past when a college presidency was as much a masculine prerogative as the presidency of the United States. Almost all the women's colleges started out with the inherited conviction that a man must be at their head. Vassar and Smith are the only ones which still have a man at the head of the faculty. Dr. James M. Taylor has been for many years president of Vassar. Dr. Clark Seelye has been president of Smith since its foundation, but with these two exceptions all the leading women's colleges are governed by women.

At Wellesley Miss Alice Freeman for years showed the world how admirably a woman could be president of a college. When she showed also that it was possible for her to leave the dear delights of educational rulership and to marry, Miss Helen Schaffer took her place. So far since the death of Miss Schaffer Wellesley has been presidentless.

Harvard annex, marked as has been its dependence upon its masculine neighbor in some respects, has called a woman to its presidential chair. Miss Agnes Irwin of Philadelphia. Miss Irwin does not even represent, as Miss Smith of Barnard does, the most advanced and radical views of the day on woman's education. She is not herself a college bred woman, but a teacher of experience and high reputation. She belongs distinctively to the school which believes in combining scholarship with that vague something known as "womanliness." Miss Smith is, on the other hand, a representative of the new school. She is a fellow of Chicago university and represents the strenuously scholastic ideal.

Bryn Mawr, under the direction of its dean, Miss Carey Thomas, has done such excellent work as few institutions in the country have done. As a recognition of her services she has been called to the presidency of the college. So that, with the exception of Vassar and Smith, all the leading colleges of the east for the instruction of women not only have women as their presidents, but are demonstrating that there are few positions in the world that women are more fitted to adorn than that of president.—New York World.

The Revolt of the Daughters.

Why cannot mothers and daughters, like any two other women, enjoy themselves alongside without driving each other crazy? If people's brains are not of a size, their tastes not of a kind, they can live their separate lives without ever speaking, lying and slandering can't they? No, history says, not in one house. "Two in a house" must entirely sympathize or one must rule. And the head of the house cannot be the daughter. Funny enough, and most inconclusive, are the explanations given in the recent racy discussion—a most useful discussion, too, for it has put revolt into the heads of a few unrevolted daughters, who were still benightedly honoring and obeying, it has been a ray of comfort to many a puzzled parent and a glorious illumination to many an innocent young eligible. Some people say the mothers are too strict, and Barbara, with her latchkey and her Zola, has their full sympathy. Others say the mothers are too lax and try to drive into hideous marriage the shy, refined Virginia, who only asks, as she has a right to ask, whether the man she is expected to love has "a past to bury."

In my opinion, the mothers have very little to do with the matter at all. Many girls at a certain age seem to like a grievance, and when they feel bored at home hunt around for an excuse and mistake it for a reason. They are sure to find something that will serve and most likely in the hands of target-mamma. She is usually most innocent. But when this unfortunate parent really does enter into the question of revolting daughterhood, Mrs. Fitzroy Stewart hit the right nail on the head—it is the pretty parent. She actually is, in a manner, in her daughter's way, though not knowing it and not wishing it. There is not the slightest doubt that the daughter is often jealous of the mother than the mother of the daughter. I know scores of cases. "Give us back," cries one kind of jealous daughter, "the portly, dowdy mother of old. She was not very wide awake. She noticed nothing but the key basket, and that is how it ought to be. She has had her day." That is the note of jealousy, the tocsin of war, "she has had her day."—Nineteenth Century.

A Woman Garbage Inspector.

An interesting development of woman's growth in affairs is exemplified by the recent appointment of a woman for garbage inspector in Chicago. She received this distinction through the solicitation of the Municipal Order league, and the ladies report the city officials as being in perfect sympathy with the new order of things. Women have certainly become desperately in earnest in their interest in public matters when they can deliberately seek an employment which must necessarily be so very repulsive. The experiment bids fair to succeed, however, as the woman who has undertaken this new line of work is amply fitted for the place. She has perfect health and a flow of spirits that can overcome all the depressing effects of her occupation. Her appearance is commanding and her dress simple. She has taken up the work seriously and allows nothing to interfere with her business. She is obliged to know how to detect any flaw in the wagons which convey the garbage to the lake and see that they meet the requirements of the law,



CARRIAGE AND HOME TOILET.

The dress on the right is of Nile green crepon, plain on the skirt and with harness trimmings of biscuit ribbon and metal buttons. The figure on the left is a carriage costume of light beige in biscuit, with black wavy lines. The corsage is trimmed with Spanish lace and the wide bertha cape of green faille is covered with lace. There is a pink parasol with lace ruffia.

and that they are loaded properly, as well as understanding the condition of the contents.

No means of conveyance has as yet been provided for her, and she gets about her work as best she can, diving down into alleys to inspect suspicious boxes of refuse and walking miles in the course of the day. She is required, too, to inspect the dumping ground, which is at the foot of Chicago avenue, directly on the lake front. One of the members of the league declares that the ladies have no desire to interfere with the men in their work, and that they are willing that men should hold the balance of power, but in beautifying and cleansing the city there is plenty for them to do.

In a matter of scientific cleanliness women ought to succeed, and there is hope for Chicago now that they have taken an interest in its sanitary condition.—Chicago News.

Women in the Paris Salon.

Over a hundred women have oil paintings hung on the walls of the salon of the Champs Elysee in Paris this year, and almost as many more show water colors and pastels. Curiously enough, the first four names in the catalogue are feminine. Mlle. Abbema heading the list, as usual. This artist entitles her picture "Place de la Concorde," but it is something more than a view of this fine esplanade, with its fountains in the background against the brown of wintry trees and the Doric mansions on the right hand. In front is a young woman in a plush cape, sable tie and brown hat, carrying a bunch of southern wall-flowers and mimosa. Great prominence is given to this figure, the surrounding scene being rather the adjunct of a well executed study of physiognomy and textures. Miss Abbat's name stands next, an American artist, and her small portrait of a man with black hair and mustache is most clever. Mlle. Abran excels in the painting of wild beasts. Her tigers are studied from nature in the Jardin des Plantes, but she has surrounded them with the tangled grass of their native jungle. Mlle. Achille-Fould is also an artist of distinction. She has painted a very beautiful girl attired in rich oriental garb—a harmonious blending of brilliant hues very agreeable to look upon.—Paris Journal.

Women as Sugar Producers.

A surprisingly large number of women are engaged in sugar production in Louisiana. The senate executive document No. 61 gives a list of persons producing sugar and the amount of bounty received thereon. No fewer than 100 women appear on the list, either as individual operators or as members of sugar producing firms, and their business compares in magnitude very favorably with that of the men. Mrs. Elizabeth Harris received from the government in the year 1891-2 a bounty of \$39,584 on the sugar she produced, and in the year 1892-3 it had increased to \$50,369. The business women in the sugar industry are not all married women and widows. Miss Belle S. Brooks produced enough sugar to entitle her to a bounty of \$15,256 in the year 1891-2, and misses are numerous among the partners in the firms. Some partnerships are composed entirely of women. The firm of Ware & Baker, which collected \$18,118 bounty in one year, is composed of Mary E. Ware and Elizabeth E. Baker. Sometimes a woman is the senior partner. The firm of Wheaton & Weems is composed of Mrs. Floretta Wheaton and Mr. R. B. Weems, and that of Troxler & Co., is composed of Mrs. A. Troxler and Mr. S. Wagnerspack.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegram.

Death of a Woman Veteran.

There died recently at Dunkirk, N. Y., a woman who was recognized as one of the veterans of the civil war. Mrs. Sarah Sinfield enlisted with her husband in Company E of the Third Excelsior regiment, afterward the Seventy-second New York, in 1861 and served through the war. Mrs. Sinfield and her husband were allowed a tent

apart from the others, and she did washing and mending instead of carrying a musket. When battles were raging, she helped care for the wounded. She had the respect of all the soldiers. When her husband was wounded at Gettysburg in 1863, she went to the hospital with him and after that served as an army nurse, for which she has drawn a pension for some years. She lived to be 74 and was a familiar figure marching with her husband, William Sinfield, and the old battleflag in the ranks of the G. A. R. on Decoration day. The Grand Army post attended her funeral, and the tattered old battleflag of her regiment, which she had seen borne into many a desperate conflict, was carried in the procession.—Buffalo Letter.

She Had Pluck.

Mrs. J. Wilson of 3118 Dearborn street made one of the neatest catches on record at an early hour the other morning. Mrs. Wilson had just returned from a party and was sitting in her room, with the light turned down, when she heard a noise close to her window. Slightly turning her head, she saw a pair of huge feet increased in tan shoes hanging from the roof of the house. Without saying a word Mrs. Wilson hid herself behind the curtains and waited for the owner of the feet to make his appearance. She had not long to wait, for suddenly the window was opened, and a black head was shoved in. This was what Mrs. Wilson was waiting for. Quickly seizing the sash, she brought it down on the intended burglar's head, pinning him securely between the sash and the sill. She then dispatched her daughter for an officer, who placed the fellow under arrest.—Chicago Dispatch.

Why Woman Suffrage Makes Slow Progress.

But the failure of the attempts to extend suffrage to women by constitutional amendment shows that popular interest was not aroused sufficiently to create a demand for the reform by the voters at the polls. It is true that only the men of the community were able to vote upon the question, but nevertheless it seems to be true that when a majority of the women of a community desire and demand the ballot it will be given them by the votes of the men. This was the case in Colorado, where, at the general election of 1893, the male electors of the state by a handsome majority voted in favor of the law extending full suffrage to women. The women of Colorado, by their action at the spring elections of 1894, have proved that they intend to make full use of the power extended to them.—Mary A. Greene in Forum.

No Compulsion.

There are some women in New York city who are actively opposing woman suffrage upon the singular ground that they do not want it. That it is their duty to aid in correct legislation for the community seems never to have entered their heads. They say they do not want to vote. Nobody will compel them to, even under woman suffrage. There is no compulsion about it. We know of men who do not want to vote and do not do it. Men who stay away from the polls are not run after by the constable, nor would the women be. But why should women who do want to vote, and who consider it their duty to use their influence for the well regulation of society, be forbidden the opportunity to do so?—Salem (Mass.) Observer.

Short Sighted.

Crimsonbeak—Don't you see that very red spot over there?
Bacon—You evidently can't see as far through your nose.—Yonkers Statesman.

A Long Search.

Tom—The happiest marriages are said to be those of opposite characteristics.
Jerry—That's why I'm looking for a girl with money.—Halo.

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