## Sidelights on the Education of The American College Girl

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Like most humorous pictures of life hese are far from true. The girl with the parchment scroll is young, but she is usually by no means so ignorant of jfe's real problems or so hopelessly unwould lead us to believe. She has met and solved on college campus and in her own family life many of the probthat she will face again and again, later on.

later on. College halls are not cloisters, al-though they foster a scholastic attitude and demand a certain retirement from the world. Every day routine means more than the translation of Greek or Latin authors, than research work in Latin authors, than research work in mediaeval history, than coarings in the upper atmosphere of philosophical the-ory, or dreaming over early English verse. To start from the most obvious of proofs, it is patent to every careof proofs, it is patent to every care-ful observer that the very curriculum of the progressive college has changed to meet the need for practical knowl-edge of life. The women of '79, who are this year celebrating their thirtleth encourse will fall you, that there are this year celebrating their thirtleth anniversary, will tell you that their student course contained much of what is known, for want of a better name, as cultural study. Prescribed courses, with few electives, led them into by-ways of literature and the classics, with history, largely ancient and med-iaeval, and some modern languages, erd abiliosonby and philosophy.

#### THE NEWER COURSES.

All these still exist, and they always will, but side by side stand courses in political and domestic economics, with practical illustration of the issues involved, psychology, highly specialized

HERE is one bit of humor be-longing to "The Ancient and Honorable Society of Pre-his-toric Jokes" that is taken out rily at this season, and, after dusting a bit of tinkering, is presented once in for the amusement of an easily stained public. It has to do, as a ter of course, with the college grad-ie, his vast concelt, his untried con-tion of life's realities, his determina-to conquer a foe whose strength knows nothing of. If the youthful helors are girls, they must be refer-to, unhesitatingly, as "sweet girl

not to unfit them for any life but that of the sequestered student. It is just about ten years ago that one homesick freshman sat on her trunk surveying the strange girl who was to be her roommate. The tall, broad-shouldered stranger put her arms about the younger girl and said gently: "Cry all you want to, child. I m used to mothering kiddles." And she was. A freshman herself at 20, she had helped to bring up four sis-ters and brothers, and had been book-keeper for her father, a struggling jeweler, and had earned most of the money for the coveted college course by being companion, studying to pre-pare herself for entrance examinations pare herself for entrance examination: pare herself for entrance examinations in her few leisure hours. That girl had faced every possible difficulty, financial stress, nervous wear-and-tear, sorrow and loss, hard work, intellec-tual struggle, and, as it happened as well, religious upheaval, ending in the happiest and surest of faiths. To the little roommate who grew to be-

the little roommate who grew to be-lieve her infallible, she represented a new world, a rare species, and by close contact and frequent communings she came to know also the wise way to climb the hill Difficulty. WHAT A MATHEMATICIAN DID.

And this particular instance was only

And this particular instance was only one of a score in the same class that graduated a hundred strong a decade ago. There was going through col-lege on so small a margin that get-ting to New York by boat meant no stateroom, but a mattress on the sa-loon floor. A scholarship girl, she eked out her resources by hours of special research work in the library for the department of history. Vacations to her meant going home to nurse an in-valid father, so that her tired mother could take a much needed rest. When that girl found herself an accredited B. A. there was nothing plainer or more important than the necessity of immediate and practical usefulness. Another girl in the same year found herself with an unexprected legacy, and one which threatened the untimely breaking off of her college course. A widowed sister, dying, left to her in trust her small son of eleven—who



### RECEPTION HALL IN TAFT'S SUMMER HOME AT BEVERLY, MASS.

earning extra money by tutoring, she finished out the year and was graduat-ed with Phi Beta Kappa honors. The little fellow adored "Aunte," and was her faithful shadow, talking constantly of the time when he would be able of the time when he would be able to take care of her. Surely no one could pretend to say that this graduate faced life as an idealist. Fortunately, for one hestates to think

that youth must meet trials at which maturity might shrink, these are ex-treme cases. But they exist in every class and in every college, and the effect on less responsible girls is "Will you select for trust her small son of elevenexcellent.

save for this aunt, was alone in the world. There was barely enough to pay the child's living expenses, and even the cheapest of boarding schools was out of the question. But the col-lege girl met the situation with a readiness of resource that spoke vol-umes for her training. Leaving the dormitory, she took two inexpensive breakfast and lunches and sending the boy to the public school near-by, economizing in every possible way, and earning extra money by tutoring, she mate's cents found herself ashamed to fling her money about recklessly, and discovered herself hesitating over the purchase of huge bunches of violets, spending it instead on books and symphony concerts, and quietly aiding half a dozen hard-up students who wondered where the help came from

from. To read an essay at commencement To read an essay at commencement, entitled "The World Is-Too Much with Us," "Builders of Empire," or "Let in the Light," may indicate the sophomor-ic that is bound to characterize the youthful egolst. Yet the girl who reads it, dignified in cap and gown or pretty in simple white, is probably ready for a sudden shift from books to dust-cloth and needle, and smiles, as she reads, at her own high-sounding phrases. Few I indeed are beguiled into the belief that

families. Mothers desirous of social honors for their pretty daughters have opposed their going, friends have sighed over their perversity, brothers have frowned, and fathers laughed—but they have persevered. In every class there are a score of girls who have come in the face of every sort of obstacle. These girls take the privileges they enjoy with due regard for their value, realizing that in the four years at their disposal they must justify then cheek "With the family dead set against me," "With the family dead set against me," I'm Bryn Mawr bound to do my best. That means

carning not only my daily lessons, but getting ready to fit into a niche when must finally give up study for society Mother says it can't be done, but claim that college, if you use it right, is just the place for a girl to learn how to adjust herself to any condition of servitude she may be thrust into." Occasionally a learned gentleman ises to deplore the passing of marriage

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among college women, reeling off stat-istics more or less correct to uphold his dictum. Many girls are engaged to be married during their college course. Several years ago a little freshman from Hawaii was found to be engaged, and when the girls won-dered how she could plan so calmly to

wait four long years, with only annual visits to her home, she answered: "We were both so young, John and I, that we decided we ought to wait. Besides, I needed education for marriage quite as much as for anything else." Wise easoning for a demure 17-year-old. But that again is the attitude that college fosters. Best of all, the 1909 college graduat

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thereafter

takes with her as have her predecessors, the desire to be of service some where in the world. Just where and how may be vague, but the very desired Just where and is the best guarantee that she is ready

other time of the year is the tendency to constipation greater than e summer months, and this is especially the time that it is most to keep the bowels open. The heat taints food, there are getns in , and even fruit has its dangers. For a dozen and one reasons the rould be kept open—you should have at least one good passage a in the case of children and young people, two a day is better. The to obtain such relief, and to thoroughly regulate the stomach, liver is, is by the use of DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN, the great Those who have never yet used DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN and ould like to make a test of it before buying in the regular way from their druggist, can obtain a FREE SAM-PLE BOTTLE, either for themselves or any member of their family by sending name and address to the docof any memoer of their finning by sending name and address to the doc-tor. The sample will be sent to your home free of charge. In this way you can find out what it will, do without cost. Also, if the case pre-sents difficulties that doctors and otr remedies seem unable to over-come, write a letter to Dr. Caldwell explaining how the eprsons suffers and he will give you his best MED-IAI, ADVICE, based on half a cen-tury of experience in stomach, liver and bowel diseases, with-out charge. Women who have children should send for "Sum-mer Suggestions to Mothers." containing the doctor's advice on diet, hygiene, etc., in

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